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DNR Reports . . .
by Glenn Therres

I recently attended a regional meeting of Partners in Flight to learn more about the bird conservation plans being developed across North America and to see what role Maryland can play in these efforts. Some exciting things are happening in the world of Partners in Flight and bird conservation.

A few years ago, Partners in Flight decided to develop a series of scientifically based landbird conservation plans to ensure long-term maintenance of healthy populations of native landbirds. The geographical context of these plans are physiographic areas, such as the coastal plain, shortgrass prairie, or deserts. The country has been divided into 59 physiographic areas for which individual conservation plans are being developed. Maryland falls within four of these physiographic areas; namely the Mid Atlantic Coastal Plain, Mid Atlantic Piedmont, Mid Atlantic Ridge and Valley, and Allegheny Plateau.

Each plan identifies the species and habitats most in need of conservation. They describe the desired conditions for these habitats based on knowledge of priority species life histories and habitat requirements. Biological objectives are developed that can be used as management targets or goals to achieve desired conditions. Some conservation actions are recommended that can be implemented at various scales to achieve these objectives. It is hoped that the partners and working groups will use these biological objectives to implement the recommended conservation actions or develop appropriate conservation actions to address the objectives identified in the plans.

The first draft of one of the four physiographic area plans that include Maryland has been completed; namely the Mid Atlantic Coastal Plain plan. However, priority species and habitats for the other three have been identified and biological objectives established.

Let's look at the Mid Atlantic Coastal Plain plan to illustrate the details of each of these plans. The mid Atlantic coastal plain includes the coastal plain area extending from the Virginia-North Carolina border north through central New Jersey and includes all the land in Maryland east of the fall line (which is approximately where I-95 occurs). Priority habitats identified for this area include pine savannah, barrier and bay islands, salt marsh, forested wetlands, mixed upland forest, early successional habitats, pine plantations, and fresh tidal marshes. Several priority species were identified for each habitat based on Part-

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Nest Program Seeks Volunteers
by Mark Johnson

Ever wonder why some years there seem to be more Northern Cardinals than others? How about Blue Jays? American Redstarts? These types of questions drive at the heart of ecology; what factors limit the numbers of individuals within a species? Much work has been devoted to this question. Examples include the analysis of habitat use of wintering migrants to the effects of forest fragmentation on nest success. Regardless, one important factor that has the potential to affect the relative abundance of birds is reproductive performance. Reproductive performance can include everything from the number of eggs laid to the number of fledglings that make it to the number of successful broods that are attempted. Many factors can influence success and performance. The types and activities of predators, number of optimal nesting sites, weather, and food abundance are but a few. However, for each species a separate and unique suite of factors may be important. They only way to understand which factors has the greatest potential to affect reproductive performance are to find and monitor nests over time.

Much of this kind of work is done by scientists and researchers in government, academia, and by other non-governmental organizations. However, with increasing information come even more questions. Regional comparisons are made that sometimes show that these factors may be quite different for the same species from populations in different areas. The MOS was involved in monitoring nests in Maryland through the Nest Card Program. This program was initiated long ago and some of the data were used to help plan the Atlas Project. It began with an interested few who longed to get closer to birds and to learn more about them. Others became inspired when hearing of their observations and soon joined in. Currently, about 20,000 records are archived in card form for species from herons to finches at the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center. The questions that could be asked from these data are endless, yet there is no way to easily sort through and access this information.

A new initiative within MOS involves computerizing these nest records. Nest

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Chapter Chatter
by Martha Waugh

Montgomery Hosts Shore Bird Workshop — On Saturday, June 17, the Montgomery chapter is hosting a Shore Bird Workshop at the Black Hill Regional Park meeting room. Panelists will be: George Jett, Cyndi Loeper, and Frank Witebsky. They will be using slides from the Claudia Wilds collection as visuals to illustrate identification cues. Reservations are necessary. Call Cyndi Loeper at 301-530-8226 for further information. The Shore Bird Workshop is following a very successful second annual winter workshop on gulls. Mike Bowen and Paul Pisano led the workshop, focusing on identifying the varying plumages of the four most common local gulls: Ring-billed, Laughing, Herring, and Great Black-backed. They did not neglect the Lesser Black-backed, Franklin's, Glaucous, and Iceland. About 30 participants attended the workshop, held at the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service facilities at Patuxent.

Harford Couple Marry in Hawaii — On February 15, Debbie Delevan, president of the Harford Chapter, married Larry Saylor on the

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Research Grant Deadline Approaching Fast

by Dave Brinker

The Maryland Ornithological Society announces the availability of research grants for ornithological research to be conducted in the State of Maryland. Grants are generally limited to amounts less than $2,000. If the research is to be done at or near one of the MOS sanctuaries, the society may be able to provide accommodations at a nominal cost. Proposals are reviewed twice annually with deadlines of 1 December and **1 June** with award notification in approximately eight weeks. For application guidelines and further information write:

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Copy deadlines for the September/October 2000 issue are:
September/November Calendar Activities: July 25, 2000

All Other Submissions: August 1, 2000

WSB 2000 — An Update

by Norm Saunders

I have written to 96 companies across Maryland. I have appealed here in the Yellowthroat, at Board Meetings, by mail to each of the 16 MOS Chapters, and to the subscribers to MDOsprey. So far we have received virtually no response from outside of MOS and very little from within. I know that a lot of organizations are competing these days for your charity dollars. I also know that if every family in MOS pledged only a nickel per species, we could earn almost $15,000 in support of our community outreach programs. Think about that! A 5-cent pledge would amount to an $8 or $9 donation to MOS. If our research, sanctuary, education, and scholarship programs are important to you, please consider a pledge or a donation, even a very small one. Every little bit counts! Thank you.

MOS 2000 World Series of Birding Pledge Form

Name:

Address:

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

___ My contribution of $_____ to the MOS World Series of Birding Team is enclosed.

___ My pledge of $_____ per species seen (expected to range between 150 and 200 species, we will contact you with the actual count by May 31).

Please mail this pledge form (and your check made payable to the Maryland Ornithological Society if you are making an outright contribution) to: Norm Saunders, MOS President, 1261 Cavendish Drive, Colesville, MD 20905-7030. Pledges may also be submitted to Norm via e-mail at: *marshhawk@worldnet.att.net*

To all of you who take pride in your MOS by donating or pledging, my thanks!

DNR Reports . . .

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ners in Flight prioritization scores. Of the priority species, two to three for each habitat type were selected as representatives and biological objectives established. For example, Swainson's warbler, prothonotary warbler, and Acadian flycatcher were selected for the forested wetlands. The objectives established for these species were: 1. maintain a population of 500 breeding pairs of Swainson's warblers; 2. maintain a population of 40,000 prothonotary warblers; and 3. maintain a population of 300,000 Acadian flycatchers. Some conservation actions were identified, such as protect and manage significant forested wetland blocks to prevent further loss and degradation. At this stage the partners and working groups have the latitude to decide how they can accomplish this.

Now, ten years after the formation of Partners in Flight, we have established conservation objectives for on-the-ground conservation actions to address. Developing implementation strategies are the next steps. These are to be developed by partners, such as DNR, and working groups, such as Maryland Partners in Flight.

Coupled with this effort to conserve landbirds through Partners in Flight is a new initiative to integrate all bird conservation efforts on the continent called the North American Bird Conservation Initiative. Coordinated by the American Bird Conservancy, this initiative combines the efforts of Partners in Flight with the North American Waterfowl Plan, the North American Shorebird Plan, and the colonial waterbird plan. Collectively, this is a tremendous force of bird conservationists with various sources of funding and abilities. Stay tune for the success stories from this expanded effort.

Nest Record Volunteers Sought

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records on a species-specific basis will be copied and signed out to volunteers willing to enter the data in Access. Eventually, these data will be merged and hopefully integrated in a web-accessible database for anyone to use.

Additionally, it is our hope to continue the safe and productive monitoring of nests, and continuing the monitoring of cavity nesting species especially. Clear instructions or protocols will be available that will minimize any observer effects that may adversely affect breeding birds and their offspring. Interested volunteers are sought who would like to learn more about life history of birds through the entering of the nesting data, or who would be interested in helping to assemble nest-monitoring protocols. Please contact Mark S. Johnson at 410-692-5978 for more information.

Chapter Chatter

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beautiful Hawaiian isle of Kauai. They had a traditional Hawaiian-style sunset on-the-beach wedding which is similar to a Japanese tea ceremony and involves the exchange of shell leis. Debbie reports she was "shocked by the decline of native bird species...so much lush vegetation, but very little bird life." The locals joked that their state bird is the helicopter, the silver "bird" you can see every 15 minutes flying tourists to the breath-taking Na Pali Coast. Debbie reports the water is so blue and the weather so perfect that Kauai is really "the garden isle" of all the Hawaiian islands. She adds, "Upon my return home, I am grateful for all the abundant wildlife here in Maryland. As I filled up my backyard feeders and replenished my woodpecker suet feeders, I was greeted by the feathered locals...we were all thankful to get back to the norm."

Allegany-Carroll Members Celebrate New Year's Eve and Day — George and Barbara Gaffney, Carroll Countians who moved to the far west (of Maryland) and now belong to both the Allegany and Carroll County Chapters, spotted their 400th life bird and last life bird of 1999 at Indian River Inlet on December 31, 1999. On a roll, they found No. 401 the next day, January 1, 2000: a Clay-Colored Sparrow in a field on Rt. 50 outside Ocean City next to a Wal-mart. They were traveling on a Carroll Chapter birding trip and credit Bob Ringler with helping them locate their milestones.

MOS Loses An Ardent Recruiter — Don Smith died on March 4, 2000. Don and his wife, Terri, were long-time members of the Montgomery Chapter. After retirement they moved to Frederick and joined the chapter there. Sybil Williams recalls that Don and Terri were famous for meeting people on bird walks, particularly along the C&O Canal, and encouraging them to join MOS. One of their converts was Lydia Schindler, who credits them with introducing her to MOS. Lydia is a former president of the Montgomery chapter and a current editor of the chapter newsletter.

Carroll/Howard Members Visit Australia-New Guinea — Maureen Harvey reports: "Dave and I went to Australia (22 days) and Papua New Guinea (6 days) from October 13 to November 8, 1999. Australia was comfortable and easy to get around in, once you adjust to left-side driving, that is! I'm ready to go back anytime. We basically visited the eastern edge of Australia (Cairns, Brisbane, Sydney, and Melbourne areas) and saw well over 300 species. Dave counted his 2000th lifer, a Laughing Kookaburra, on the first day of the trip in Cairns. We both experienced overwhelming culture shock in Papua New Guinea, and the birding was difficult. We visited the Port Moresby area and the Central Highlands above Tari. We saw 12 species of Birds of Paradise (fabulous), within a total of about 160 birds in Papua New Guinea. " Ask to see the pictures. They're terrific.

Another New Member for Montgomery — Andy Rabin and his wife, Laura Cameron welcomed the birth of Nikolai Sasha on February 16. He weighed in at 8 lb. 14 oz. Pictures are available at http:/la11698.home.mindsspring.com/nikolai.htm/.

Frederick Member Helps to Identify Crickets — Wil Hershberger, president of the Frederick Chapter, Steve Rannels and Joseph Dillon have produced a CD entitled, "Songs of Crickets and Katydids of the Mid-Atlantic States-An Identification Guide." It may not get a Grammy award, but cricket and katydid buffs find it a winner. Many singers are included on the CD ranging from the Swordbearer Conehead Katydid through the Fastcalling Tree Cricket. To hear a sample of the Northern True Katydid and get more information, try http://members.aol.com/_ht_a/whershberg/page/index.htm/. If you don't have computer access and want a copy, write Wil at P. O. Box 78, Maugansville, MD 21767 and enclose $15.95 by check or money order.

MOS Vanishes from Images of Maryland — On March 23 and 25, Maryland Public Television aired a local production entitled "Images of Maryland, 1900-2000." It was to include a section featuring pictures by Baltimore's Middleton Evans illustrating a personal essay by Baltimore Chapter member Gene Scarpulla on Hart-Miller Island, Peregrine Falcons, and birding in Maryland. Sadly, the one-hour show had too much material, so Gene's essay was cut. Gene's philosophically comment was: "That's show biz!"

Talbot County Chapter Members visit Costa Rica — Les and Carolyn Roslund of the Talbot County Chapter joined Audubon Naturalist Society members for a mid-March birding tour in Costa Rica. Les sent in the following report: The group visited several life zones, including cloud forest, subalpine paramo, rivers, tropical dry forest, and rain forest. During the ten days of birding, over 330 bird species were sighted, and for the Roslunds, with no prior Central American birding experience, 218 of these were life-list birds. One highlight involved lengthy viewing of a pair of Resplendent Quetzal where the male was providing a gentle and graceful courtship display while the female nearby did her best to seem totally unimpressed. A second very special event was a visit to the home of Alexander Skutch, who, at age 96,

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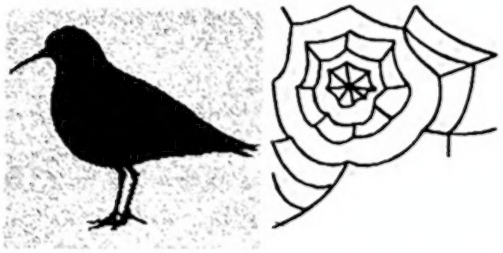
Birds on the Web



Navigating the MOS State Web Site—Part III

by Fran Saunders

During our last tour of the MOS State Web Site we'll surf through the remaining sections. You can take the tour with us by first pointing your browser to: http://www.MDBirds.org/

Notice again the green buttons on the upper left of the home page. Find the *Records Committee* button at the bottom of the list and *click*! This particular area was designed as a separate site to give birders a direct entrance to Records Committee information, but it is linked navigationally with the main site and you can move back and forth at leisure. Phil Davis, the Committee's Secretary, pulled together just about every important Committee document and made them available to us online. You can find out all about Committee operations, reports of meetings and workshops, the status of species under review, and other useful information that practically gives you a history of birding in MD. There is also an online bibliography of identification articles that I am sure you will find useful at some point in your birding career. You can also find out how to write a sighting report. We have included a couple of articles detailing some writing tips and included links to others that can be found on the web. When you've brushed up on your skills, go ahead and fill out a report. You can even send it online directly to Phil. This is where you will also go to find the very latest *Official Lists of Maryland Birds and the Birds of the District of Columbia* and the Species Review List that will tell you which species are currently being accepted for review. By the time you read this column the Committee's latest annual minutes should be available and you won't want to miss this insider's view of the Committee's year.

Once you've finished here, go to the bottom of the Committee's home page and click on the navigation link for *Bird Lists*. This is another handy place where you can link directly to the official MD and DC lists. We also republish DNR's List of Endangered and Threatened Birds in MD. One of the highlights of the section is the rare bird gallery. If you've not visited this online showing of photographs of some of the rare sightings reported in MD over the last few years, you will want to check them all out now. Marshall Iliff, Jim Stasz, Dave Czaplak, Mark Hoffman, and George Jett submitted the photographs, and we thank each of them for making this section possible. Don't miss this stunning display! Other attractions in the *Bird Lists* section include the MD and the DC Composite Lists. What the heck are these lists, you say? Well, imagine one giant annual sighting list to which each MD or DC birder can contribute. This started as a friendly competition last year between MD MOS and that other MOS in Mississippi to see which state's birders could see a higher percentage of the state's official species list during the year. We won handily and decided to compete with ourselves this year and added a DC list as well. Publishing the Composite Lists has been great fun, but also very informative as we all watch and wait to see which species are recorded in the State and when.

All right, then—return to the upper left of the index page and click on *Bird Programs* to move to our next section. This section was established to provide information about educational and conservation matters, as well as any other items of general interest. Bird News contains conservation items. This area changes with the issue. At this time you can read Gail Mackiernan's write-up about the Rock Creek cell towers. There is also a backdoor link to the MD PIF site, and information about the Environmental Fund of Maryland and birding festivals in the state. The latter is difficult to keep up to date, so if you have any information on local festivals, let us know.

Back in the upper left corner, click on the last section, *Birding in MD*. Here we have compiled lists of the rare bird alerts for our local area and link to the ABA's official list. You can find information about local bird counts, such as the Winter, C&O and Christmas Counts. Need a quick copy of the ABA's Birding Code of Ethics? You can find it here! Quarterly you can read Marshall Iliff's discussion of Middle Atlantic birding in his newsletter about the ABA's *North American Birds*. If you want to learn more about hawk-watching in MD, then visit that area. We have compiled directions to the various State hawk-watching sites and also provide data for the sites in Baltimore and at Fort Smallwood Park, with thanks to Kevin Graff and Sue Ricciardi. A link is available to Turkey Point data, courtesy of the Cecil Club. Two other areas you will want to look at are the BirdFinder and BirdReporter. BirdReporter is a handy guide to reporting your sightings to the various authorities that collect this data for online distribution and hard copy publication. BirdFinder is fairly new project designed to help birders locate rare or unusual species in MD that are not accidental. At the present time there are only two entries, one each for Snowy and Saw-whet Owls. We are actively soliciting additional entries and you are all welcome to participate.

Well, we've been surfing on and on here, but we're nearly done. First, return to the home page and scroll down to the picture graphics. Sharp eyes will notice a new species of link! Yes, it is the picture of the Washington Monument that highlights our new *DC Birding* section. This is a site guide to the District's birding hot spots, an effort to promote birding in our Nation's Capital. We began our new design with summaries from the Claudia Wilds book, *Finding Birds in the National Capital Area*, used with the permission of the Smithsonian Institution Press, and we thank them for making this section possible. Site by site we are revising these sections to include updated material, as well as new sections on accessibility, food and comfort (the way to a birder's heart?), and others. If you're hiking down to DC be sure to check here first, and if you would like to contribute update information, just let me know.

Last, but not least, by the *Press Room* and *Bird Links* graphics, you will see another labeled Site Map. This is a handy navigational tool to most of the areas we've explored. The section is updated only twice a year, however, so might be sometimes out of date. Your best bet for new information is to watch the *What's New Section* on the home page and occasionally check out the various indices. What's to come? You'll have to wait and see!

In closing for the season, MOS welcomes the latest chapter to join our web family. The Allegany Chapter is now online and can be found at: http://www.nrac.wvu.edu/acbc/

Next season we'll return to our topical studies. If you have one in mind, pass it along. If you'd like to guest host a column, you'll be most welcome! Have a good summer, all.

Wildlife Calls...Will You Answer?
Teaming With Wildlife Rally and Lobbying
Feb 29 through Mar 2, 2000
Countdown to CARA

by Maureen F. Harvey

The Conservation Connection

What is CARA?

The Conservation and Reinvestment Act (CARA) was penned by two Congressmen — Don Young, R-Alaska and George Miller, D-California — to answer pressure from all of the State TWW Coalitions to provide permanent funding for wildlife and other conservation programs. The bill pulls Federal revenues from Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) oil and mineral operations, approximately 2.8 billion dollars per year, from the general budget. The OCS revenues will be used to fund eight broad conservation areas to be administered by the States. The eight conservation areas are each described in Titles to H.R. 701 and cover programs ranging from coastline restoration to urban park rehabilitation. Title III has been the focus of the Maryland teaming With Wildlife Coalition. This title provides permanent funding for wildlife conservation and wildlife-associated recreation and education. In its current form, CARA would provide a total of almost $37 million to Maryland, with $5 million for Title III programs.

Feb 29

As Carroll County Bird Club's Representative to the Maryland Teaming with Wildlife Coalition, I attended a very helpful training session sponsored by the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) in Washington, D.C. this afternoon. Attendees were TWW Coalition reps from all over the U.S. We were given general lobbying tips and specific points to make with our Legislators to encourage passage of CARA this year. At a reception immediately after the training session, I had the fun of meeting and talking to like-minded conservationists from Tennessee, New York, Pennsylvania, and Texas. We were treated to a barrage of 20 or so enthusiastic speakers, including the Presidents of the Nature Conservancy and NWF, Director of the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, Paul Baicich (Editor of ABA's *Birding* magazine and MD TWW member), and MD TWW Coalition co-coordinator, Tom Franklin, of The Wildlife Society. An announcement was made that S. 2123, the mirror image of H.R. 701, had been introduced late that afternoon in the Senate. This gave us great hope that the Year 2000 would be the year we get permanent funding for wildlife conservation, recreation, and education! The speakers congratulated us on our past efforts to pressure Congress to find a way to fund wildlife conservation. They urged us to meet with our legislators to win their sponsorship of H.R. 701 and encourage them to pressure their colleagues to move the bill quickly through the last two committees so that it would hit the House floor for a vote this legislative session. The hope was that the vote would be held before Easter break. Seven of Maryland's eight Representatives had already signed on as cosponsors, thanks to many letters, calls, and visits by MD TWW Coalition members. Steny Hoyer was Maryland's only hold out. I shared a room for the evening in a downtown D.C. hotel with Edie Thompson of MD DNR, our other MD TWW Coalition co-coordinator.

Mar 1

A breakfast mini-rally was held this morning in a House Office Building cafeteria for TWW Coalition reps with drop-in visits from Senators and Representatives talking up CARA. Additional visitors included a Barred Owl and Red-Tailed Hawk, hosted by the American Eagle Conservation Fund. I have a photograph of some of us Maryland lobbyists with the birds and their handlers. We dispersed for our scheduled meetings with Senators and Congressman.

At Barbara Mikulski's office, I joined Paul Baicich, Carolyn Watson (Assistant Secretary of Resource Management, MD DNR), Jim Rapp (Director of the Salisbury Zoo), and a woman whose organization develops programs to teach school children about wildlife. We met with a legislative aide who took careful notes and promised to relay our concerns to the Senator, who was busy with her Senate duties. We specifically asked Senator Mikulski to encourage Steny Hoyer to support H.R. 701, now before the House Appropriations Committee, which he serves on. We also asked her to cosponsor S. 2123; her aide felt this would be no problem since the Senator had previously co-sponsored two similar Senate bills. Meanwhile, other folks were meeting with Senator Sarbanes and several of the Maryland Representatives. In the hallway, I saw two sportsmen, members of the MD TWW Coalition, who were discouraged after meeting with Congressman Hoyer because he stood firmly against CARA because of funding issues. However, Congressman Hoyer believed the bill would pass in spite of his opposition because of the level of support already generated.

That afternoon, TWW Coalition reps were joined by Land and Water Conservation Fund supporters at a rally on the Capitol steps. We were entertained by a D.C. high school New Orleans-style jazz band and a talented Missouri man who vocalized the calls of frogs, elk, coyotes, and dozens of birds to emphasize the rally's theme — Wildlife Calls...Will You Answer? Rally speakers included folks representing diverse groups that will benefit from CARA and lawmakers, including the two Representatives who crafted H.R. 701, Miller and Young. It was very exciting for me to be there with 1000 participants from all states of the U.S., my fellow MD TWW Coalition reps, and especially my fellow MOS members Rich Dolesh (MD DNR and MOS Conservation Chair) and John Byrd (Howard County Parks & Recreation). For the grand finale, Challenger, the re-rehabilitated Bald Eagle formerly released by President Clinton and struck down by an osprey, flew down from a big stanchion on the Capitol stairs to a handler on the lawn below us. I snapped a photo of her as she flew overhead.

Mar 2

Today I was very grateful for the training and experience received during the two previous days. I met with my Representative, Roscoe Bartlett, and his environmental aide. I thanked him for cosponsoring H.R. 701 and talked about the negative effect of forest fragmentation on breeding bird success rates, particularly Neotropical migrants. When I mentioned Brown-Headed Cowbird predation, he recalled removing cowbird eggs from the nests of Barn Swallows when he was a boy, after he witnessed big cowbird babies pushing swallow nestlings to the ground. I felt confident his aide would remind him to be there when the bill comes up for a vote.

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The MOS DateLine
May 2000 through April 2001

May

13 May Count
13 2000 World Series of Birding (Support your Yellowthroats!)
15 June Board Meeting Agenda Items Due To Norm Saunders
19-21 Annual MOS Conference
20 Chapter & Committee Annual Reports due to MOS President

June

1 MOS Grant Applications Due to David Brinker
10 State Board Meeting, Anne Arundel County
15 Deadline to submit Spring (March to May) bird sightings to Dan Southworth and to Jim Stasz

July

25 Deadline for Sept/Oct/Nov Meeting/Field Trip Schedule Submission to Les Eastman

August

1 Deadline for Sept/Oct ***Yellowthroat*** Submissions to Norm Saunders
15 Board Meeting Agenda Items Due To Karen Morley
15 Deadline to submit Summer (June & July) bird sightings to Dan Southworth and to Jim Stasz

September

1 Membership year commences—renew now!

9 State Board Meeting, Location TBA

25 Deadline for Nov/Dec/Jan Meeting/Field Trip Schedule Submission to Les Eastman

October

1 Deadline for Nov/Dec ***Yellowthroat*** Submissions to Norm Saunders
28-29 Irish Grove Fall Work Weekend

November

15 Board Meeting Agenda Items Due To Karen Morley
25 Deadline for Jan/Feb/Mar Meeting/Field Trip Schedule Submission to Les Eastman

December

1 Deadline for Jan/Feb ***Yellowthroat*** Submissions to Norm Saunders
1 MOS Grant Applications Due to David Brinker
9 State Board Meeting, Montgomery
15 Deadline to submit Fall (August to November) bird sightings to Dan Southworth and to Jim Stasz
16 Christmas Count Season Begins
31 Conference Pin Contest Entries Due to John Malcolm
31 Christmas Count Season Ends

January

15 Mid-Winter Count Season Begins
25 Deadline for Mar/Apr/May Meeting/Field Trip Schedule Submission to Les Eastman
31 Scholarship Applications Due to Jean Fry

February

1 Deadline for Mar/Apr ***Yellowthroat*** Submissions to Norm Saunders
1 State MOS Budget Submissions Due to Budget Chairman
15 Board Meeting Agenda Items Due To Karen Morley
15 Mid-Winter Count Season Ends
24 MD/DC Records Committee Annual Meeting

March

10 State Board Meeting, Location TBA
15 Deadline to submit Winter (December to February) bird sightings to Dan Southworth and to Jim Stasz
25 Deadline for May/Jun/Jul/Aug Meeting/Field Trip Schedule Submission to Les Eastman
TBA Irish Grove Spring Work Weekend

April

1 Deadline for May/Jun ***Yellowthroat*** Submissions to Norm Saunders
TBA Carey Run Spring Work Weekend

MOS Scholarship Winners—2000

by Jean Fry

Sharply lower numbers of applicants (eight) for this year's MOS Scholarship program led to only six awards being made. We feel, however, that the six recipients are both worthy of the scholarships and will be able to use what they learn to become better educators of Maryland's children. Congratulations to this year's winners!

Orville Crowder Memorial Scholarship—Maine Coast Ornithology Camp
David Farner, Park Ranger, Kinder Farm Park, Millersville
Howard County

Chandler Robbins Scholarship—Maine Coast Ornithology Camp
Celeste Bunting, Teacher, Worcester Country School
Wicomico County

Eleanor C. Robbins Scholarship—Wyoming Ecology Camp
Eric Cromwell, Teacher of Environmental Science, Aberdeen High School
Harford County

World Series of Birding Scholarship—Wyoming Ecology Camp
Karen Romanelli, Teacher, Biology & Environmental Science, Bel Air High School
Harford County

Doris Oakley Memorial Scholarship—Connecticut Ecology Camp
Laura Taylor, Environmental Education Instructor, Nanjemoy Creek Environmental Education Center
Prince George's County

Helen Miller Memorial Scholarship—Connecticut Ecology Camp
Brian Campbell, Park Ranger, Kinder Farm Park, Millersville
Anne Arundel County

We've Got Your Number

by Janet Millenson

Look on the back cover of most books and you'll find a string of digits called the ISBN (International Standard Book Number). The 10-digit ISBN code uniquely identifies a book so that retailers, distributors and consumers can be sure they're ordering the correct title and edition. Major booksellers such as Barnes & Noble require that the ISBN also be printed in barcode format.

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Countdown to CARA

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What's Next? Countdown to CARA!

As of mid-March, over 2/3 of the House (317 of the 435 Representatives) had signed on as co-sponsors of H.R. 701. The International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies is the National level organizer of the State TWW Coalitions. They are encouraging individual TWW Coalitions to participate in weekly activities that continue the momentum generated by the rally in D.C., such as letter writing to legislators and local news media. By the time of this printing, we hope the bill has already passed the House! If not, the MD TWW Coalition will continue to press for its passage.

While this effort has initially focused on the House, there is still much work to do on the Senate side. We need our Senators to back the parallel legislation. There are now two excellent related bills in the Senate. They are: S. 2123 (the H.R. 701 companion bill) and S. 2181 (a bill which rearranges much of the coastal restoration funding but is equivalent in the areas of funding the Land and Water Conservation Fund and wildlife conservation). To quote Paul Baicich, "We need to encourage the kind of unified action in the Senate that we have witnessed among potential adversaries in the House." Finally, after each House of Congress has passed similar bills, a compromise bill must be worked out jointly. Visit http://www.teaming.com for more information.

Maryland/DC Records Committee Status Report as of March 31, 2000

by Phil Davis, MD/DCRC Secretary

The sighting reports below have changed status since the last committee decision summary was published in the Maryland Yellowthroat. MD/DC record numbers are in parentheses. This summary covers MD/DCRC review packages 69 through 73 and AM99 through AM00.

MD Records Accepted:

American White Pelican (#1997-382)
Point Lookout, Saint Mary's County,
April 19, 1987.

Anhinga (#1995-027)
Great Falls, Montgomery County,
April 30, 1994.

Anhinga (#1997-650)
Sunderland, Calvert County,
May 3, 1996-May 4, 1996.

Anhinga (#1997-651)
Pinefield, Charles County,
May 6, 1996-May 8, 1996.

Wood Stork (#1998-034)
Downs Park, Anne Arundel County,
August 16, 1998-August 17, 1998.

Wood Stork (#1998-035)
Pt. Lookout SP, Saint Mary's County,
August 19, 1998-September 19, 1998.

Fulvous Whistling-Duck (#1997-247)
Jug Bay, Prince George's County,
September 20, 1981.

Fulvous Whistling-Duck (#1996-044)
Centerville, Queen Anne's County,
January 1, 1994.

Common Teal (#1997-430)
North Beach, Calvert County,
April 9, 1996-April 18, 1996.

Common Teal (#1998-025)
E.A. Vaughn WMA, Worcester County,
March 17, 1998-March 26, 1998.

Swallow-tailed Kite (#1998-023)
Hughes Hollow, Montgomery County,
May 16, 1998.

Purple Gallinule (#1997-258)
Upper Marlboro, Prince George's County,
July 1, 1976-August 22, 1976.

Piping Plover (#1997-419)
Hart-Miller Island, Baltimore County,
September 15, 1991.

Black-necked Stilt (#1997-054)
Columbia, Howard County,
September 3, 1991.

Ruff (#1997-649)
Papermill Falts, Baltmore County,
April 27, 1981-May 4, 1981.

Franklin's Gull (#1997-069)
Ocean City, Worcester County,
October 11, 1991.

Franklin's Gull (#1999-016)
Chesapeake Beach, Calvert County,
August 30, 1998.

Gull-billed Tern (#1997-238)
Blackwater NWR, Dorchester County,
August 18, 1968.

Sooty Tern (#1997-585)
Little Seneca Reservoir, Montgomery County,
September 6, 1996.

Sooty Tern (#1997-467)

MD Records Accepted: (Cont.)

Royal Oak, Talbot County,
September 7, 1996.

Dovekie (#1998-013)
Cambridge, Dorchester County,
December 15, 1952.

Rufous Hummingbird (#1997-198)
Solomons, Calvert County,
December 9, 1981. Page 6Page 7

Rufous Hummingbird (#1997-185)
Elkton, Cecil County,
November 2, 1993-December 29, 1993.

Gray Kingbird (#1998-031)
Dameron, Saint Mary's County,
June 20, 1998.

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher (#1997-549)
Syacamore Landing Rd & River Rd, Montgomery County,
July 3, 1984.

Brown-headed Nuthatch (#1997-151)
Back River Waste Treatment Plant, Baltimore County,
January 23, 1994.

Northern Shrike (#1997-743)
Assategue Island, Worcester County,
November 26, 1991-November 29, 1991.

Audubon's Warbler (#1997-401)
South Point, Worcester County,
December 26, 1994-February 18, 1995.

Swainson's Warbler (#1999-033)
Dameron, Saint Mary's County,
May 23, 1998.

Le Conte's Sparrow (#1996-050)
Girdletree, Worcester County,
April 2, 1994.

Harris's Sparrow (#1998-037)
Ellicott City, Howard County,
October 25, 1998-October 26, 1998.

Pine Grosbeak (#1997-663)
Big Run State Park, Garrett County,
May 15, 1996.

MD Records Accepted-Group:

Selasphorus, Rufous/Allen's (#1997-334)
Piney Point, Saint Mary's County,
November 29, 1990.

Selasphorus, Rufous/Allen's (#1997-191)
St. Michael's, Talbot County,
November 13, 1994.

Selasphorus, Rufous/Allen's (#1997-276)
Pocomoke City, Worcester County,
October 13, 1991-December 27, 1991.

Selasphorus, Rufous/Allen's/BT (#1997-111)
Takoma Park, Montgomery County,
October 24, 1993-November 17, 1993.

Selasphorus, Rufous/Allen's/BT (#1997-112)
Jessup, Howard County,
November 14, 1993.

MD Records Accepted-Group: (Cont.)
Selasphorus, Rufous/Allen's/BT (#1997-194)
Great Mills, Saint Mary's County,
August 17, 1994-August 20, 1994.
Selasphorus, Rufous/Allen's (#1997-597)
Chevy Chase, Montgomery County,
November 4, 1996-November 18, 1996.

MD Records ID OK/?? Origin:
Baikal Teal (#1997-398)
Pasadena - Bodkin Creek, Anne Arundel County,
February 10, 1996-February 15, 1996.

MD Records ID OK/Exotic Origin:
Black Swan (#1997-498)
Greenbelt, Prince George's County,
April 5, 1997.

MD Records Not Accepted:
Swallow-tailed Kite (#1996-007)
Laurel, Prince George's County,
April 23, 1993.
Heerman's Gull (#1997-460)
Ocean City, Worcester County,
March 3, 1980.
Sabine's Gull (#1997-459)
Ocean City, Worcester County,
March 3, 1980.

MD Records Not Accepted: (Cont.)
Atlantic Puffin (#1997-748)
Point Lookout, Saint Mary's County,
March 16, 1997.
Western Tanager (#1997-327)
Colesville, Montgomery County,
December 24, 1977.
Western Tanager (#1997-083)
Chevy Chase, Montgomery County,
August 30, 1992.
Pine Grosbeak (#1997-167)
Columbia - Centennial Park, Howard County,
April 12, 1994.

DC Records Accepted:
Pacific Loon (#1998-027)
Washington Channel, DC,
May 25, 1998-June 10, 1998.
Mute Swan (#1999-023)
Hains Point, DC,
April 8, 1989.
Black-headed Gull (#1998-038)
Annacostia River @ Blue Plains, DC,
December 16, 1988.

DC Records Accepted-Group:
Selasphorus, Rufous/Allen's (#1997-381)
Dalecarlia Reservoir, DC,
November 10, 1995-December 27, 1995.

Proposed Changes to MOS By Laws

by Norm Saunders

At the 11 March 2000 Board Meeting, the State Board of MOS approved the following changes to the By Laws. Normally the By Laws require that proposed amendments be published to the membership at least 60 days in advance of the Annual Meeting, when such proposed changes are to be voted upon by the membership. Since the May 2000 issue of ***MD Yellowthroat*** was the only remaining issue prior to the Annual Conference, the Board voted to waive the regular 60-day period. The following changes will be voted on by the attending membership at this year's MOS Annual Meeting, 20 May 2000.

Current Version:

ARTICLE IX. COMMITTEES

Section 1. Standing committees may be created or terminated at any time by the Board of Directors. Appointments shall be made by the President, who shall also designate the chairman of each of the committees. Not more than two members of any standing committee may be appointed from the same chapter except as provided for the Sanctuary Committee. All appointees shall be MOS members in good standing.

Section 2. Members of the standing committees serve with the President for one year. They may be re-appointed.

Proposed changes:

ARTICLE IX. COMMITTEES

Section 1. Standing committees may be created or terminated at any time by the Board of Directors. The President shall appoint the Chair of each standing committee and, with the exception of the MD/DC Records Committee, may also appoint the members of those committees.

Section 2. Appointed members of standing committees serve with the President for a one-year term, but may be re-appointed. Records Committee voting members are elected by that committee and serve for three-year terms. No more than two members of any standing committee may serve from the same chapter except for the Sanctuary and Records Committees. All committee members shall be MOS members in good standing.

Ed. note: Mark Hoffman has been promising me a book review for the past two issues now. Once again he disappointed me but offered the following in defense of his tardiness:

March Madness—A Cautionary Tale Told in One County

by Mark "Mr. Worcester County" Hoffman

Continuing the thread of month-specific Maryland big day attempts, the intrepid team of Marshall Iliff, Mark Hoffman, and Jim Stasz attempted a March Maryland big day on March 31. We used last year's 3/31/99 effort by Iliff et al as our standard (which recorded 136 species, see MDOsprey post of 4/3/99). The recent Iliff et al. January big day, which netted 138 species (130 in Worcester County, see post of 1/12/00), also weighed heavily in our strategizing.

Unlike last year, however, we decided (at Marshall's suggestion!) to limit our effort to Worcester County (he's getting smarter with age). In the January effort, the only non-Worcester time was at Deal Island at dusk (other than pre-dawn night birding), so we did not think we would be sacrificing much. We felt it would be possible to make a legitimate state-level attempt,in the single county. It would also allow more time birding, rather than driving. The prior March effort had started at Irish Grove and included Cambridge and Elliot Island at the end, netting only 108 species in Worcester.

I had birded in the county on March 22, but otherwise we had no "hot" bird-location information. This is an important consideration in planning a March big day, as opposed to a January effort. The early January tries come on the heels of the coastal Christmas Bird Counts, which usually generate several staked-out rarities, and of equal importance, multiple fresh locations for uncommon wintering species (e.g. House Wren, Palm Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, etc.)

Also of value was a print-out from my data base of Worcester County bird observations. Of some 72,000 records, I queried the file for all records falling between 20 March and 5 April. The query gave some 3,000 records that I had listed in taxonomic order. This helped target priority species, potential locations, and formalized our game plan. Iliff has already committed the print-out to memory.

Marshall and I got down to Worcester about 3:00 p.m. on March 30. We scouted a number of ponds in the northern/central part of the county (Showell Sewage Ponds, Ocean Pines Ponds, Griffin Road Ponds, Berlin Sewage Ponds, Goody Hill Road Pond, Newark Pond, Snow Hill [a.k.a. Ross's Goose] Pond). This effort netted little of interest, other than letting us know that we wouldn't need to visit most of these locations on the day of our attempted Big Day record. There are a large number of waterfowl ponds in Worcester County, and you could spend a full day checking them and doing nothing else. We needed to scratch some locations from our potential itinerary.

We did some limited landbirding, including the infamous Wal-Mart Field, which was dead, but a quick stop along Nassawango Road at Nassawango Creek yielded both Blue-gray Gnatcatcher and Yellow-throated Warbler, a good sign that the early migrants were in. Last year's effort had missed the gnatcatcher.

Additionally, we checked several flooded field situations, which had held a number of birds during the wet conditions on March 22. Of particular value was the traditional field pond on the west side of Rt. 12, about 0.5 miles south of the intersection with Rt. 113. This pond had Greater Yellowlegs (23), Lesser Yellowlegs (60), Pectoral Sandpiper (4), Dunlin (4) and dowitcher (sp.) (1). Clearly a "must visit" for the big day. Marshall and I split up at dusk, covering Scott's and Truitt's Landing. Both had Short-eared Owls and Sedge Wrens, while Truitt's also held King Rails (3), as usual, and Rusty Blackbird (8). It is traditionally a good spot for that tough-to-get species as well.

Jim Stasz joined us about 8:00 p.m. at our hotel in Pocomoke City and we finalized our base strategy for the day. We would use the January effort as a model, starting at the Vaughn WMA central area (off of Rt. 12 just south of Girdletree), then hit Blades Road for any remaining woodland species we needed, then work back to the coast and north to OC. We would end with a sea watch, or if needed, at Truitt's. We were asleep by 10:00 p.m., attempting to violate Marshall's little-sleep-before-a-big-day rule. The alarm came early at 2:00 a.m. nonetheless. After a coffee stop (Jim and I out-voted Marshall 2-1), we were off. The Hoffman-Stasz veto-proof majority would come in handy during several other critical moments during the day.

THE DAY: We headed north on Rt. 13 out of Pocomoke City. We were going to head up to the Colbourne area along the northern part of Nassawango Creek, but I missed Rt. 113, so we entered God's Country via Dividing Creek Road and Somerset County. You would not believe the grief received by "Mr. Worcester County" every time he had to look at a map! Hey, this was a new route for me as well!

We decided to night-bird the area north of the Pocomoke River and west of Rt. 12—Pocomoke State Forest/North—instead. Our first stop was along Nassawango Road just north of the country club at 2:42 a.m. It was bitterly cold, although with my long-johns and flannel-lined pants and gloves, not unbearable. I think Marshall and Jim were dressed for a May (or June?) run. Any Whip-poor-will with any sense would still be in Florida, and certainly none was willing to announce its presence. We made five stops, most in reliable whip spots, but netted only Eastern Screech-Owl and Barred Owl. We left the forest at 3:18 a.m.

We arrived at Truitt's Landing at 3:41 a.m. In response to the King Rail tape at first all was quiet, but then suddenly a roar of Rallidae brightened our spirits. Three species were heard - King, Virginia and an early Sora. We tried hard for blacks, as they have been recorded here in winter, but dipped. Great Horned Owls were calling to round out the easy owls. We left Truitt's at 4:30 a.m. and a quick stop at Cherrix Rd. at Boxiron Creek was quiet. We then went to the end of Taylor's Landing Road to listen for Barn Owls. They have nested in the Vaughn WMA area just to the south, and I have heard fly-overs in this general area several times. Late-March is also prime time for migrating (and calling) Barn Owls. A Clapper Rail called once for the marsh just to the south, unique for the day, which Marshall missed as he was screened by the car, but no Barn Owls were heard. We left at 5:00 a.m. to start the dawn chorus.

Starting at 5:05 a.m. we birded the Vaughn central area. Just as we started out, a gobbling turkey north of the parking lot was a good one to get out of the way. The thicket area, that held thrasher, catbird, House Wren and Fox Sparrow during Christmas was relatively unproductive, as we only scored the thrasher. We quickly headed for the marsh. The usual Marsh and Sedge Wrens cooperated, but the sharp-tailed sparrows were frustrating. Finally we were able to claim 1 Nelson's and 3 (sp.). I spotted Royal Tern fishing out over the bay that would prove to be unique, but a hoped-for bittern (of either species) failed to materialize.

We headed back, working the field edges and thickets. Yellow-throated Warbler and gnatcatcher cooperated, and a single Fox Sparrow spotted by Marshall along the field edge would prove to be unique for the day. Winter Wren (our only as well) also called, but we missed a number of passerines that would continue to haunt us throughout the day (sapsucker, waxwing, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, catbird, House Wren).

We worked the area favored by the Harris's Sparrow in late-December/January but if still present, it was not cooperating. The Le Conte's Sparrow area was totally flooded out, and we were headed

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back to the car when Marshall spotted an accipiter which landed on the edge of a woods in clear view, an immature bird. Despite the clear shot, we were somewhat perplexed. Jim said something about the bold and broad white supercilium, while its short tail just seemed out of place. A better angle showed broad dark chevrons on the white undertail coverts—a Northern Goshawk! Simply amazing. County bird for both Marshall and Jim and only my second, with only 3 or 4 prior county records. Despite some misses, we were pumped by the gos, and left Vaughn at 8:14 a.m.

We arrived at Blades Road (a great area for swamp-forest species along the Pocomoke) at 8:28 a.m. It was very quiet, but we did add White-breasted Nuthatch, Louisiana Waterthrush and Red-shouldered Hawk. This spot has produced Black-and-white Warbler for me on both April 2 (1994) and 5 (1998), but we could produce none today. Other possibilities, like Purple Finch or Rusty Blackbird, for which this area is very good in late-March, failed to materialize as well. We left at 9:08 a.m.

We then headed for the former Stockton Chicken Plant arriving at 9:20 a.m., where House Wren, catbird and Purple Finch were seen on the CBC. The gate was locked, however, and our frustration showed. We need to find some passerine flocks and find them quickly. We worked George Island Landing Road (adding our only Black Vultures of the day), the boat ramp (adding Great and Snowy Egrets, and Boat-tailed Grackle). Given the many needed landbirds, we changed our original plan at this point. Instead of starting the trek north, we would work frequently productive landbirds spots along the southern boarder of the county. We made a circuit of Greenbackville, Swan Gut, Big Mill Pond and Steel Neck Roads, but the only passerine we could net were Barn Swallow and Brown Creeper. Jim spotted the latter from the back seat of the car (which was parked at the time)! On the waterbird side, Big Mill Pond produced Pied-billed Grebe and Stockton Marsh had a Glossy Ibis. We wrapped up this leg at 10:48 a.m.

We arrived at the Vaughn/North area (the large ponds off of Taylor's Landing Road) at 11:00 a.m. We got our first big slug of puddle ducks (Gadwall, Blue-winged Teal) and were buoyed by seeing the previously located Le Conte's Sparrow, leaving at 11:23 a.m. We worked north to Figgs Landing, which had been so productive on 3/22, but it was dry and the shorebirds gone. Public Landing added Common Loon but no goldeneye or scaup. Public Landing Pond, where I have had luck with Northern Pintail in late-March, had teal only, and we were doomed to miss the pintail.

Even greater disappointment set in when we checked the flooded fields that had been so productive the day before. No shorebirds. Since it was low tide on the bayside, the working hypothesis (per Iliff) was that the birds were out feeding in the marsh ponds. I favored the "a Merlin was here recently" scenario. Another turkey in an open field off Rt. 12 was a very temporary amusement. We left at 12:04 p.m. After quick gas and lunch stop in Snow Hill, we left at 12:19 p.m., refueled for the run to Ocean City.

At the Worcester County Central Landfill, Marshall got us our Lesser Black-backed Gull, but we didn't have time to try for anything better, leaving at 12:57 p.m. Quick stops at old sapsucker, House Wren and Orange-crowned Warbler stake-outs in Newark proved fruitless. The Evans Road sparrow spot came through with the requisite White-crowned Sparrows, and we left there at 1:27 p.m.

Low tide at Ocean City was at 10:25 a.m., and we wanted to hit Eagle's Nest as quickly as possible. We bolted for there, with wheelman Hoffman's many hours of watching Formula 1, NASCAR and CART races coming in handy through-out the day, although like in an endurance racer, performance waned as the hours passed. (I'm practicing for New Jersey already). At Eagle's Nest we added Dunlin, Black-bellied Plover, Piping Plover (7) and oystercatcher to our meager shorebird list, but could do no better.

West OC added Rock Dove (poor Jim was harassed for adding a bird to the day's list), while the pond produced the usual suspects - Black-crowned Night Heron, Canvasback, Lesser Scaup, Ring-necked Duck, Ruddy Duck and a stake-out (from 3/22) immature Mute Swan. Marshall had a great pick, with a female hooded merg buried in the edge of the willows on the pond's southwest corner, our only one of the day. Marshall had the wisdom (of youth?) to wander off to the evergreens just north of the pond along Horn Island Drive (I thought you were suppose to stay together for a big day?!?). But still in ear shout, Jim and I quickly followed as he nailed a Red-breasted Nuthatch, Golden-crowned Kinglet (which we missed) and ultimately a Dark-eyed Junco. Amazingly, this was the only time we recorded any of these three species all day. A key find. We checked the Riggins Ridge Road pond and marsh but added nothing.

On to Skimmer Island from Hooper's. The herons were back, with both Little Blue and Tricolored in the marshes to the north as new to the day's list. Jim pulled a couple Oldsquaw from the far side of the bay to the north, again unique for the day, to answer Marshall's distant Brant. It was amazing how many species (included many "common" ones, we only saw once all day).

The OC/Inlet was bare-bones. The requisites, Red-throated Loon, Northern Gannet, Purple Sandpiper and Ruddy Turnstone were there, but we struggled for anything else. A lone female Black Scoter out by the rock pile and a single fly-by drake Surf Scoter were the best we could do. The Harlequins present last week were either gone or hiding. We left at 3:45 p.m.

We made a quick run up to the 23rd St. flats and Heron Island, hoping for Cattle Egret, but dipped. At dusk, this probably would have been a shoe-in. Then on to the Ocean Pines Ponds and the staked-out Snow Goose, or more properly geese, as there were three. En route, we decided it would be mandatory to try and do some clean-up land birding. We still needed phoebe, catbird, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, waxwing, as the most likely. Last March's attempt had missed phoebe and we did not want to suffer the same indignity. Marshall argued for checking a waxwing spot along Gum Point Road that had been productive in December. Again, we voted him down 2-1, as the trail seemed way too cold for this nomadic species. Additionally, a return to the south would allow us to check the critical shorebird field pond that had been so productive yesterday, but dead this morning. We tried an often very productive field/pond area at the northeast corner of the Routes 90 and 113 intersection, but it was dry.

We hit the Berlin Sewage Ponds on the way south. The nice flock of Bonaparte's Gulls (as seen on 3/30) were still there, but no additions, like Northern Rough-winged Swallow. Then farther south, we stopped at a creek crossing on Five Mile Bridge Road that had been productive for Jim and Marshall in the past. Marshall pulled the much-needed phoebe from the scrub—species #130! On to the Pocomoke! The day was getting late and we were running out of time. We arrived at Old Furnace Road at Nassawango Creek at 5:05 p.m. A nice passerine flock came into the owl tape (a gnatcatcher, Yellow-throated Warblers, etc.), but no new birds. Where are the kinglets? Old Furnace Road at Pusey Branch was more of the same. We left the forest at 5:32 p.m.

Stopping at the Rt. 12 at Rt. 113 field/pond again, a quick scan reveled there were shorebirds! Not as many as the day before, but the key species were there: Greater Yellowlegs (5), Lesser Yellowlegs (42), Pectoral Sandpiper (1) and dowitcher (sp.) (1). We had had yellowlegs (sp.) at George Island Landing, but otherwise they were all new. That brought the total to 133 and we felt the record was all of a sudden in reach. Then Marshall, scanning, spotted a distant sharpy, perhaps the pick of the day. Number 134!

Another landbird stop at the entrance to Truitt's Landing was unproductive. Arriving at the marsh, the Rusty Blackbirds were again

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in the trees on the south side of the road, right at the juxtaposition of the woods and marsh. Yes! Number135! We walked the road, looking, praying, for anything. Jim nailed a Short-eared Owl flying high over the marsh south of the road. The state record was tied! My walking through the marsh failed to produce a bittern and we just couldn't get anything else as the darkness enveloped us. We left at 7:05 p.m.

A quick discussion (and check of the data base) indicated our best shot for American Woodcock was on Assateague. We had to go there for Northern Saw-whet Owl anyway. Despite the general fatigue, we bolted. Arriving at the Assateague Causeway at 7:40 p.m., multiple stops at the State Park, Bayside, Ferry Landing Road and South Beach failed to produce a single timber-doodle. I had dropped my tape recorder in the marsh at Truitt's (with the back-up doing me no-good in the hotel room), so we had to play saw-whet from the car tape deck with the doors spread open. Poor Jim was zonked in the back seat (man that teddy bear looked comfortable) and had to put up with the loud tooting, the interior car light and the always annoying door open chime. He slept through it all. Finally at 8:54 p.m. we decide that enough was enough. We were hungry and tired. We had tied the state record and set a Worcester record. We feasted at Boomer's and headed back to Pocomoke City to crash after putting 260 miles on the odometer.

Weather: The day was nice with just slightly cloudy conditions throughout. Wind was light and pre-dawn and in the morning with a slight increase in the afternoon. Temperatures were low, however, with a real chill during the night.

POST-SCRIPT: The next day we birded Hickory Point in the early morning. Species not seen the day before were Ruby-crowned Kinglet and Gray Catbird (both singing), but there was no indication that skipping Hickory had been a mistake. This location is somewhat out of the way, but had been the main forest bird spot in the prior March run. We also saw the Le Conte's at Vaughn again. On leaving Worcester around noon, we decided to test the competing shorebird theories. Like many experiments, the results were equivocal with only Greater (6) and Lesser (3) Yellowlegs at the Rt. 12/113 pond. No pec or dow.

SPECIES SUMMARY

A target list was prepared, with 123 category "A" species, which were thought to be 95-100% birds. A category "B" list was also created, to target tough species, but those believed to be possible. The B list included 51 species. We ended up getting 116 A's (94%), 17 B's (33%) and 3 "write-ins". Both the A and B lists were tailored to our current knowledge of the birds present in the county (e.g. Harlequin Duck was thought to be present, so it was an "A", no eiders had been seen in weeks, so neither species made the "A" or "B" list). In the listing below, category B species are so indicated, and the write-ins are in all caps.

Species list (136 total) (** indicates not seen on prior 3/31/99 big day):

Red-throated Loon (Ocean City Inlet - 30)
Common Loon (Public Landing - 1, Eagle's Nest - 6)
Pied-billed Grebe (Big Mill Pond - 1, Vaughn WMA/North - 1, singing)
Horned Grebe (Vaughn WMA/Central - 20, Public Landing - 1)
Northern Gannet (Ocean City Inlet - 20)
Double-crested Cormorant (several locations)
Great Blue Heron (several locations)
Great Egret (George Island Landing - 2, West OC - 6)
Snowy Egret (George Island Landing - 1, Riggins Ridge Road Pond - 3)
Little Blue Heron (West Ocean City - 2 ad.)
Tricolored Heron (West Ocean City - 3)
Black-crowned Night-Heron (West Ocean City Pond - 10)
Glossy Ibis** (Stockton Marsh -1, Bayview Farm - 8)
Black Vulture (George Island Landing Road - 3)
Turkey Vulture (many locations)
Snow Goose (Ocean Pines Ponds - 3)
Canada Goose (many locations)
Brant (Skimmer Island - 15)
Mute Swan (West OC Pond - 1 imm., present 3/22)
Wood Duck (Vaughn WMA/Central - 15)
Gadwall (Vaughn WMA/North - 10, West OC Pond - 40)
American Wigeon (Bayview Farm - 6)
American Black Duck (many locations)
Mallard (many locations)
Blue-winged Teal (Vaughn WMA/North - 1, Bayview Farm - 1)
Northern Shoveler (Vaughn WMA/Central - 1, Vaughn WMA/North - 10, West OC Pond - 20)
Green-winged Teal (many locations)
Canvasback (West Ocean City Pond - 5)
Ring-necked Duck (West OC Pond - 15, Berlin Sewage Ponds - 10)
Lesser Scaup (West OC Pond - 60)
Surf Scoter (Ocean City Inlet - 1)
Black Scoter** (Ocean City Inlet - 1)
Oldsquaw (Skimmer Island - 2)
Bufflehead (many locations)
Hooded Merganser (West Ocean City Pond - 1)
Red-breasted Merganser (many locations)
Ruddy Duck (West Ocean City Pond - 32, Berlin Sewage Ponds - 20)
Osprey (many locations)
Bald Eagle (Vaughn WMA/Central - 1, West OC - 1)
Northern Harrier (Vaughn WMA/Central -4, Truitt's Landing - 4 [m. & f. courting on 3/30], Eagle's Nest - 1)
Sharp-shinned Hawk** (Along Rt. 12 - 1)
NORTHERN GOSHAWK** (Vaughn WMA/Central - 1, imm. male, 4th or 5th county record)
Red-shouldered Hawk (Blades Road - 2)
Red-tailed Hawk (several locations)
American Kestrel (several locations)
Wild Turkey (B) (Vaughn WMA/Central - 1, Along Rt. 12 - 1)
Clapper Rail (B) (Taylor's Landing -1, MLH and JLS only)
King Rail** (B) (Truitt's Landing - 4) (last year's effort had large rail [sp.] only)
Virginia Rail (Truitt's Landing - 8, Vaughn WMA/Central - 1)
SORA** (Truitt's Landing -1)
American Coot (West Ocean City Pond - 1, Berlin Sewage Ponds - 30)
Black-bellied Plover (Eagle's Nest - 40)
Piping Plover (B) (Eagle's Nest - 7)
Killdeer (several locations)
American Oystercatcher (Eagle's Nest - 6, Skimmer Island - 10)
Greater Yellowlegs (Rt. 12 @ Rt. 113 pond - 5)
Lesser Yellowlegs (B) (Rt. 12 @ Rt. 113 pond - 42)
Ruddy Turnstone (Ocean City Inlet - 20)
Sanderling (Eagle's Nest - 15)
Pectoral Sandpiper (B) (Rt. 12 @ Rt. 113 pond - 1)
Purple Sandpiper (Ocean City Inlet - 40)
Dunlin (Eagle's Nest - 250)
Dowitcher (sp.)** (B) (Rt. 12 @ Rt. 113 pond - 1)
Common Snipe (Vaughn WMA/North - 3)
Laughing Gull (many locations, Worcester County Central Landfill - 400)
Bonaparte's Gull (small pond on Onley Road west of Girdletree -1, Berlin Sewage Ponds - 40 and OC)

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Ring-billed Gull (many locations, Worcester County Central Landfill - 1)
Herring Gull (many locations, Worcester County Central Landfill - 600)
Lesser Black-backed Gull (B) (Worcester County Central Landfill - 1 first year)
Great Black-backed Gull (many locations, Worcester County Central Landfill -30)
Royal Tern (B) (Vaughn WMA/Central - 1)
Forster's Tern (Vaughn WMA/Central - 20, Public Landing - 10, Eagle's Nest - 10, and other locations)
Rock Dove (several locations)
Mourning Dove (Vaughn WMA/Central - 80 and many other locations)
Eastern Screech-Owl (Nassawango Road - 1)
Great Horned Owl (Truitt's Landing - 2, Vaughn WMA/Central - 1)
Barred Owl (Red House Rd. @ Nassawango Creek - 1, Meadow Bridge Road - 1)
Short-eared Owl (B) (Truitt's Landing - 1 at dusk)
Belted Kingfisher (Vaughn WMA/Central - 3)
Red-bellied Woodpecker (several locations)
Downy Woodpecker (several locations)
Hairy Woodpecker (Vaughn WMA/Central - 6)
Northern "Yellow-shafted" Flicker (several locations)
Pileated Woodpecker (Vaughn WMA/Central - 1)
Eastern Phoebe** (Five Mile Branch Road - 1)
Blue Jay (several locations)
American Crow (many locations)
Fish Crow (many locations)
Horned Lark (Big Mill Pond Road - 1, Figg's Landing - 1)
Purple Martin (B) (Stockton - 1, George Island Landing - 1, Big Mill Pond Road - 1)
Tree Swallow (many locations)
Barn Swallow** (B) (Rabbit Knaw Road - 1)
Carolina Chickadee (many locations)
Tufted Titmouse (many locations)
Red-breasted Nuthatch** (B) (West OC - 1)
White-breasted Nuthatch (Blades Road - 1, Old Furnace Road @ Nassawango Creek - 1)
Brown-headed Nuthatch (Vaughn WMA/Central - 6)
Brown Creeper (Steel Pond Road @ Payne Ditch - 1)
Carolina Wren (many locations)
Marsh Wren (Vaughn WMA/Central - 2, Truitt's Landing - 3 at dusk))
Winter Wren** (Vaughn WMA/Central - 1)
Sedge Wren (Vaughn WMA/Central - 2, Truitt's Landing - 2 at dusk))
Golden-crowned Kinglet (West OC - 1, MJI only)
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher** (B) (Vaughn WMA/Central - 2, Steel Pond Road @ Little Mill Run - 2, Old Furnace Road @ Nassawango Creek - 1, Old Furnace Road @ Pusey Branch - 1)
Eastern Bluebird (many locations)
Hermit Thrush (several locations)
American Robin (many locations)
Northern Mockingbird (many locations)
Brown Thrasher (Vaughn WMA/Central - 10)
European Starling (many locations)
Yellow-rumped "Myrtle" Warbler (many locations)
Yellow-throated Warbler (Vaughn WMA/Central - 1, Blades Road - 6, Old Furnace Road @ Nassawango Creek - 2, Old Furnace Road @ Pusey Branch - 1)
Pine Warbler (many locations)
Louisiana Waterthrush (Blades Road - 1, Steel Pond Road @ Little Mill Run - 1)
Eastern Towhee (Vaughn WMA/Central - 6)
Chipping Sparrow (many locations)
Field Sparrow (Vaughn WMA/Central - 20)
Savannah Sparrow (several locations)
LE CONTE'S SPARROW** (Vaughn WMA/North - 1, present since January)
Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow** (B) (Vaughn WMA/Central - 1, MLH and MJI only)
Sharp-tailed Sparrow (sp.) (Vaughn WMA/Central - 3)
Fox Sparrow** (B) (Vaughn WMA/Central - 1)
Song Sparrow (many locations)
Swamp Sparrow (several locations)
White-throated Sparrow (many locations)
White-crowned Sparrow (Evans Rd. Sparrow spot - 6, 1 ad.)
Dark-eyed "Slate-colored" Junco (West OC - 1)
Northern Cardinal (many locations)
Red-winged Blackbird (many locations)
Eastern Meadowlark (Vaughn WMA/Central - 15)
Rusty Blackbird (B) (Truitt's Landing - 2 at dusk)
Common Grackle (many locations)
Boat-tailed Grackle (George Island Landing - 2, Eagle's Nest - 6)
Brown-headed Cowbird (many locations)
House Finch (Vaughn WMA/Central - 2)
American Goldfinch (several locations)
House Sparrow (several locations)

Misses from "category A" list: Cattle Egret, Northern Pintail, Harlequin Duck (thought it was staked-out), American Woodcock, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Gray Catbird, Cedar Waxwing.

Misses from "category B" list: Great Cormorant (should still be at the Inlet), American Bittern (always hit-or-miss), Green Heron (would be early), Tundra Swan (gone?), Greater Scaup (gone? always scare along coast), White-winged Scoter (least common scoter on coast), Common Goldeneye (gone? not very common along coast, even in winter), Cooper's Hawk (hit-or-miss), Merlin (a few winter, migrants not until April, hit-or-miss), Peregrine Falcon (not on the watertower), Northern Bobwhite (hit-or-miss, tried at Vaughn), Willet (too early), Red Knot (not regular this winter at the Inlet), Western Sandpiper (seen 3/22 at Figg's Landing), Least Sandpiper (normally arrives late-March), Little Gull (seen 3/22 at the OC Inlet), Black-headed Gull (no coastal reports), Black Skimmer (normally arrives early April), Barn Owl (around, but more luck needed), Northern Saw-whet Owl (three banding on Assateague prior weekend), Chimney Swift (sometimes arrives late-March), Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (hard to pin down), Blue-headed Vireo (a late-March bird might be a wintering individual), Northern Rough-winged Swallow (very possible, given early spring), House Wren (still around, just couldn't find), American Pipit (erratic), Orange-crowned Warbler (surely still around after great winter for them, but not staked out), Palm Warbler (more difficult as winter progresses), Black-and-white Warbler (early April migrant), Common Yellowthroat (more difficult as winter progresses, migrants not till mid-April), Vesper Sparrow (scare at anytime other than October along immediate coast), Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow (around, but hard to pin down on a fast-paced big day), Seaside Sparrow (rare in winter along coast), Purple Finch (usually a late-March flight, but very scare this winter).

Seen March '99 missed March '00: Cattle Egret, Tundra Swan, Greater Scaup (Cambridge), Common Eider, Harlequin Duck, Common Goldeneye (Cambridge), Common Merganser (Blackwater), Willet, American Woodcock (Elliot Island), Red-headed Woodpecker, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (Blackwater), Ruby-crowned Kinglet (Egypt Road), American Pipit (Egypt Road), Seaside Sparrow (Irish Grove).

Seen January '00 missed March '00: American Bittern, Tundra Swan, Ross's Goose, Northern Pintail, Redhead, Greater Scaup, Harlequin Duck, White-winged Scoter, Common Goldeneye, Peregrine

MARCH MADNESS (Continued...)

Falcon, Semipalmated Plover, Willet, Western Sandpiper, Black-legged Kittiwake, Northern Saw-whet Owl, House Wren, Ruby-crowned Kinglet (1), Gray Catbird, American Pipit, Palm Warbler, Clay-colored Sparrow, Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow, Harris's Sparrow.

Seen March '00 missed January '00: Snowy Egret, Mute Swan, Black Scoter, Osprey, Northern Goshawk, Wild Turkey, Sora, Piping Plover, Pectoral Sandpiper, dowitcher (sp.), Common Snipe, Laughing Gull, Royal Tern, Purple Martin, Tree Swallow, Barn Swallow, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Yellow-throated Warbler, Louisiana Waterthrush, Le Conte's Sparrow, Rusty Blackbird.

JANUARY VS. MARCH

We failed to match the January 2000 total of 138. It may seem incredible that a 31 March run could underperform early January, and it is worth taking a look at some of the causes for this. Last year's January/March duo was barely won by March (136 to 135, so this is not just a one-year phenomenon). On the surface, March has several key advantages. Foremost, is the extra 2+ hours of daylight. The benefits are obvious. Other pluses include the increased level of singing/breeding activity by residents or early migrants. Species like Wild Turkey, Eastern Phoebe, and Pine Warbler, all present in January, are well established on territory and in full song in late-March. Note, however, that one of the January 2000 phoebes at Vaughn was singing, while our lone bird on 3/31 was not! (Although, it was mid-afternoon). Another March advantage is the arrival of migrants. But the number of species in this category is fewer than you might think. We totaled only nine species that are either basically impossible (Pectoral Sandpiper, Purple Martin, Barn Swallow, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Yellow-throated Warbler, and Louisiana Waterthrush) or very rare (Piping Plover, Laughing Gull and Royal Tern) in January. Many species we think of as "arrivals" in spring winter (at least through early January) near the coast (e.g., Great Egret, Snowy Egret, Little Blue Heron, Tricolored Heron, Glossy Ibis, Blue-winged Teal, Least Sandpiper, Western Sandpiper, Greater Yellowlegs, Lesser Yellowlegs, Long-billed Dowitcher, Forster's Tern, Eastern Phoebe, House Wren, Pine Warbler, Palm Warbler, Common Yellowthroat). Some of these species are likely more common in early-January than late-March, as migrants have yet to arrive and wintering numbers have been reduced through harsh conditions (e.g., House Wren, Common Yellowthroat). Also, as discussed in the beginning, the value of the intense field work of the Christmas counties adds multiple species to the January effort.

MOS State and Locality List Report - 1999

by Phil Davis

This year marks the fourteenth time the MOS has compiled state and locality list totals submitted by its members. This year, 84 observers submitted list totals, down two from last year. Of these 84, eight were first-time submitters (up five from last year). Currently 171 observers are in the database, reflecting that not everyone submits updated list totals each year, however, 34 observers now have list totals that are more than five years old and these totals have been removed from the compilation (see below).

Administrative Notes:

Currency of List Totals: Last year I proposed a policy of purging the database of observer data that had not been updated within the prior five years. This process will keep the data reasonably fresh and provides a method to deal with people whose membership in the MOS has lapsed, including former members who have moved away or have deceased. Some listing organizations (like the ABA) will only publish totals that are submitted and signed each year. My policy is more generous and considers that some members just don't get around to updating their lists each year. I indicated that I would not implement such a policy without at least a year's advance warning. Since no opposition was received to this policy, I implemented it this year. A number of listers have now been dropped from the report, including some that were formerly list leaders. If they resubmit their totals in the future, they will be included again in the report. Some lists will show leadership changes because of this removal.

Reporting Form: Next year, I request that observers please only submit reports using the form published in the November-December issue of the Maryland Yellowthroat. An increasing number of listers have submitted totals to me via e-mail and dealing with everyone's non-standard presentations and county abbreviations is becoming onerous. Fran Saunders has previously posted on the MOS web site a PDF version of the form that can be printed. [If someone would like to volunteer to automate a web-based for reporting function, it would be greatly appreciated].

Reporting Protocol: While I'm at it, a few reminder about our reporting protocol. Please, only one form per person—these are individual list totals. If two people "share" a list, this causes me additional work to separate the data since my database is organized around individual observers. Also, remember that list totals are to be reported as of the end of the calendar year.

Reporting Thresholds: Please don't report county life totals below the 50% reporting threshold. Otherwise, I may spend time entering your data, just to have it filtered out. Yearly county totals will only make the compilation if your life list is above the reporting threshold for a given county. One last matter, for county listers, please don't include low "incidental" annual totals—like "28" or "3" in a county. Low totals, such as this, take time to enter and quality check but are really not very meaningful. Although not a hard and fast rule, I suggest that county annuals not be reported unless they are at least 25% of the maximum. Remember—published "life" lists must exceed 50% of the maximum for any given locality. Published "All-Time High" lists must exceed 70% of the maximum for the locality—or be within the top three.

State Maximum Numbers: "Maximum" locality numbers represent the total number of species reported in a given jurisdiction. The "state" maximums used in this report come from the *Official List of the Birds of Maryland (March 1999)*, and the *Official List of the Birds of the District of Columbia (March 1999)*. These lists can be found on the MD/DC Records Committee web site at: http://www.MDBirds.org/mddcrc/rcindex.html.

County Maximum Numbers: County maximum totals are taken from the County List Status report, found on the MOS web site at: http://www.MDBirds.org/colists.html.

I'd like to ask all county birders to please take the time to ensure that this list is kept up to date. Please advise Marshall Iliff at Miliff@aol.com of any new county species.

OK. Now, to the fun stuff ...

1999 List Report (Cont.)

State Lists:

Maryland Lifetime List. Paul O'Brien (Montgomery) still holds the top position in Maryland, followed by Mark Hoffman (Carroll). Each added three species to their total during 1999 to top the list at 379 and 376, respectively. Jim Stasz (Calvert) added five to his total and moved into third place with 372.

Mark Hoffman provided the following commentary with his 1999 submission:

"After the drought called 1998, this year continued the remarkable string of new state birds over the decade of the 1990s, which saw my state list advance from 342 to 376, an increase of 34, or 3.4 species per year on average. When I was a teenager, 360 seemed like a "lifetime" number, but many of us have blown past that barrier. Remember that at the time of Stewart and Robbins (1958) the state list was 333, while even at the publication of Robbins and Bystrack (1968) it was 355. In fact, I calculated my Maryland "decade list" for the 1990s, and it totaled exactly 360.

"And although with each passing state bird, the next one becomes a little tougher, fully 14 or 41% of the decade's new species came in its final five years. By year, starting in 1990, my additions were 2-4-8-2-4-3-3-5-0-3. This gives hope to those of us whose ultimate goal is 400 in Maryland. With more birders, better communication (such as the MDOsprey, thanks Norm [Saunders]!) and a little taxonomic help, it seems achievable. There are 10 or so that are definitely doable for me, but after that it gets very tough, although there are dozens of possibilities.

"This year was particularly satisfying, as two of my "top ten" species, American White Pelican and California Gull, finally fell. Pacific Loon made up the triumvirate. Although the loon was a very likely species for Maryland, the lack of confirmed prior records prevented it from cracking the "top ten," using my six-factor (!!) ranking system.

Greg Miller (Saint Mary's) reports that he ended 1999 with 296 Maryland species on his state list. He had set a goal earlier in the year of achieving 300, but out of town travel (to build his North American year list) kept his Maryland birding in check. Realizing too late that he ended the year with a respectable 296, he commented, "If I'd known I was gonna be this close, I'd have worked a little harder".

Dave Perry of Anne Arundel County was extremely busy state birding this year. Dave reports that this was a unique year for him, traveling and birding throughout Maryland. Dave's highlights include the following:

- He visited all counties at least once each season, although not necessarily spending a full day in each county during each visit. He noted he also had no Maryland pelagic birding opportunities during the year.
- He found over 100 species in each county, from a high of 196 in his home county of Anne Arundel to a low of 101 in Allegany.
- His 1999 Maryland total was 291.
- He started an "All-County" List and closed out 48—all begun and accomplished during 1999.
- He visited 47 of the Maryland State Parks and forests—probably all that exist, which the exception of Hart-Miller Island State Park. Dave notes that all of the visits were pleasurable experiences.
- He visited five of the MOS Sanctuaries and several of the Federal properties, including Assateague National Seashore and Patuxent Wildlife Research Refuge.
- He noted that he pulled the most ticks from his clothes (approximately 60) while visiting the Hungerford Flats on Assateague in October. "(Yuk)!"

Finally, Dave notes that Maryland is truly a wonderful and beautiful state and it was such a pleasure to travel the state and see such a diverse of habitats.

In the 1999 **Maryland Year List** category, Jim Stasz again took the top spot with 322 species for the year. Also topping the 300 mark for the year was Marshall Iliff (Ann Arundel) in the number two position. Marshall turned in a personal best for 1999 of 302 Maryland species—and without even being in the state to bird during August through November! Dave Perry ranked number three with 291 for the year.

Ottavio Janni moved to the top of the **DC Lifetime List** this year with 259 species. However, the current top two listers are now expatriates of DC since Ottavio has moved to Italy and the second place lister, John Gregoire, (with 238) lives in New York. Maybe this sets the stage in the years ahead for number three, Rob Hilton (Montgomery), to move up. Rob's current DC life total is 236. Top honors for species found in DC in 1999 go to Michael Bowen (Montgomery) with 135.

Yard Lists:

A "yard" list is the number of species seen in or from the property that is contiguous to one's residence. Over the years, people have adopted other "yards" for listing, so I ask respondents to indicate if their yard count is from their home, work, or some other location. I use a strict definition of a personal home list and list all others in a separate work/other list.

There were no changes at or near the top of the **Maryland Lifetime Yard List** this year. Harry Armistead (PA) remains the leader with a total of 258 seen at his weekend home in Talbot County. Obviously feeling the need to count something, Harry added three new species to his "yard" yard list—that's the three acres around his home that is mowed—bringing this unofficial total to 209. Second and third place listers, Jim Stasz and Marshall Iliff, each added one new species to their yard lists for totals of 208 and 207, respectively. Jim noted that his one new yard species was an Oceanodroma, sp. during the hurricane.

Marcia Watson-Whitmyre (Cecil) reports that she added three quite interesting species to her yard list total (now at 164) in 1999; an Orange-crowned Warbler, a Virginia Rail, and a flyover Sora. [Isn't it nice living next to the marshes of Sewage Treatment Plant ... or, then again, is it really ... depending on the direction of the wind,???]. Kyle Rambo of Saint Mary's (154) noted that he added an unusual species to his yard list this year—an Anhinga soaring high overhead.

In the annual **Maryland Year Yard List** category, Harry Armistead found 162 species for the year but also reported a new yard "big day" on May 9th when he found 94 species, besting his previous highs (twice) of 93. He also added two need breeding species to his yard list—Red-tailed Hawk and Chuck-wills-widow. Second spot for 1999 honors went to Patty Craig of St. Mary's County. Patty ticked off 140 for the year (down from the 154 she found last year). Marcia Watson-Whitmyre had the third highest yard total for the year at 129; Bonnie Ott (Howard) was fourth with 124; and Chan Robbins (Prince George's) was fifth with 108. Greg Miller reports his St Mary's Yard list life and annual total was 104, although he has only moved to this location from Baltimore County on August 14th.

In the **Maryland AWork/Other@ Yard List** category, there were no leader changes this year although Dave Webb added seven species to his "work" list at Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Harford County for a total of 220. In 1999, Peter Ostenton added two new species to his "work" list—the Prince George's County "Central Track" at Patuxent Wildlife Research Center in Laurel. Peter added Northern Pintail and Snow Goose to bring his total to 205.

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County Listing:

In the "**All County**" category (species seen in all 23 Maryland counties), Jim Stasz (Calvert) widened the gap at the top of this list by adding eight new species to his list to raise his total an incredible 152. He also reported the highest ever single year number of "close outs" with 65 species seen in each Maryland county during 1999. During the course of the year, Jim far exceeded 100 species in each county during the year. (His lowest county total for 1999 was 128 in Carroll). Marshall Iliff added seven "close outs" during the year for a new total of 111. As noted earlier, Dave Perry closed out 48 species during the 12 months of 1999.

Allegany County. Ray Kiddy found himself at the top of his home county list with a lifetime total of 230. During 1999 he found 182 species for a new Allegany County annual record. Jim Stasz turned in 167 for the year in Allegany while John Churchill (WV) reported 162.

Anne Arundel County. Jim Stasz moved into the top position in Anne Arundel with 284. For the annual honors, Rod Burley (Prince George's) capped the list with 203 with Dave Perry next at 196.

In **Baltimore City/County**, there were no changes in the order or totals at the top of the list. For 1999, however, Jim Stasz reported 157 and Shirley Geddes (Baltimore) found 154 species in the county for the year.

Calvert County. Jim Stasz added two new species to his home county life list, bringing his total to 293. Sue Hamilton (Calvert) added ten new species to her county life total to raise her number to 229 and to move into third place. During 1999, Sue turned in 179 county species for the year, besting Jim's 170. [Will Jim lose sleep at night over this one?]

In **Caroline County**, there were no order changes, however Jim Stasz added a smashing 12 species to his life list for a new total of 229. For the year, Jim ticked 183 species for a new Caroline County record. [Did you find my Bufflehead?]

Carroll County. No changes in the order of the listers here, however, Jim Stasz found 129 species during the year.

In **Cecil County**, the top two positions remained the same, however, Marcia Watson-Whitmyre (Cecil) added ten new species to her county list to bring her total to 255. Marcia and Leslie Fisher (Cecil) tied in the annual department with 221 for the year, sharing a new annual county record. The ubiquitous Jim Stasz found 167 species in the county for the year.

Charles County. County resident George Jett added five new species to his county life list, ending the year at 250. Jim Stasz added nine to his life list bringing his total up to 232 and moving into second place. During 1999, George found 194 species, while Jim found 150 and Rod Burley ticked off 146.

In **Dorchester County**, in September, Harry Armistead (PA) saw a Yellow-headed Blackbird at Hooper's Island to add a new species to his Dorchester and state lists.

Harry's new Dorchester total is now 291. Jim Stasz added seven to his life list, bringing his county total up to 261. In 1999, Harry found 208 species in the county for the year, Jim Stasz found 187, and Dave Perry reported 160.

In **Frederick County**, leader Paul O'Brien (Montgomery) added one new species to his lifetime county total for a new high of 257. Michael Welsh (Frederick) took the top year county list honors with 198 species. Jim Stasz tallied 154 for the year while Dave Perry found 147 species in the county.

Garrett County. During 1998, Jim Stasz (who else?) found a record 184 species for the year and in the process added seven to his lifetime county total for a new total of 214. Marshall Iliff added six making his new county life total 204 and Bob Ringler (Carroll) added three, lifting his life total to 196. For the year, JB Churchill (WV) tallied 161 in the county and Marshall Iliff listed 144.

Harford County. The big action this year in Harford was Rick Blom's county year list. Rick found 255 species during 1999, smashing the old record, Dave Webb's 224 from 1995. Rick gives Dave a big round of thanks for encouraging him and helping him set this new record. Rick's new life list now stands at 265 for the county. Matt Hefner had a great year, finding 216 in the county. Also during the year, Dave Webb reported 208 species in the county while David Powell (Harford) found 194 for the year. Jim Stasz found 189.

Howard County. There were no changes in the order at the top of this list this year, with residents Jo Solem and Jane Coskren holding the two top positions with 268 and 259 respectively. In the third position, Bonnie Ott added a new species to her county life list, making her total 250. Bonnie, however, took the top year list spot with 198, followed by Jo Solem with 194, Mary-Jo Betts (Howard) with 189, Rod Burley with 183, Jane Coskren with 182, and Kurt Schwartz (Howard) with 174.

Kent County. No changes in the leadership order this year. Jim Stasz found 157 species in the county during 1999 (a new record) and increased his lifetime total by four to 225. Dave Perry found 140 species in the county during the year.

Montgomery County. No changes at the top of the life list for the county. Leader Paul O'Brien found one new species to increase his lifetime county total to 284. For 1999, top honors go to local Andy Rabin (Montgomery) with 173 species for the year. Mike Bowen (Montgomery) had a 162-species year and Rod Burley reported 156.

In **Prince George's County**, John Gregorie, now of NY, holds the top of the county life list with 261. During the 1999 year, top honors go to Dave Perry with 168 species, Jim Stasz in second place with 162, and Rod Burley in third with 161.

Queen Anne's County. Jim Stasz added twelve to his life list for the county, reporting 249 species. In the 1999 year department, Jim tracked down 188 species for the year, and county resident Danny Poet listed 167 for the year, with both birders breaking Danny's existing annual record. Dave Perry found 139 species for the year.

Saint Mary's County. Resident birder Patty Craig remained at the top of the lifetime list for the county. Patty added five new species to her life total closing out at 301. Close on her heels, Kyle Rambo (Saint Mary's) found a whopping twelve new species in the county during the year to pull within one of Patty (300). For the year, Patty ticked off 251 species for the year (79% of the maximum) and Kyle had 236. Patty also reports that the new county maximum for Saint Mary's as of 12/31/1999 is 314, reflecting the additions of Pomarine and Parasitic Jaegers, Fork-tailed Flycatcher, Le Conte's Sparrow, and Mississippi Kite.

In **Somerset County**, Jim Stasz found 189 species during 1999, four of them were new for him in the county, raising his life total to 268. Sam Dyke (Wicomico) added three new species to his lifetime county total, for a new total of 248.

Talbot County. No changes occurred this year in the leader's positions. For 1999, Wayne Bell led all county listers with 178 for the year—a new Talbot year record. Harry Armistead followed with 165 and the ubiquitous Mr. Stasz was next with 161.

Washington County. Jim Stasz added six species to his county life list, bringing his total to 213. Jim also tallied 153 species for the year.

In **Wicomico County**, resident Sam Dyke added three species to his county life list for a new total of 279. Don and Carol Broderick (Wicomico) increased their county life lists during 1999—Don added three for a new total of 261 and Carol added six to bring her total to 257. Sam reported 198 species for 1999 while Jim Stasz found 151.

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Worcester County. "Mr. Worcester County", Mark Hoffman (Carroll), again, added one new species to his county lifetime total leading the pack at 345. Mark commented, "On the Worcester County side, Jim Stasz gets credit for finding the Harris's Sparrow at [E.A.] Vaughn [WMA] on the Chincoteague CBC, which proved to be my only Worcester County bird of the year, number 345. A great way to end a great decade". Sam Dyke added three new species to his county life total, ending at 339. The top annual list total for 1998 goes to Jim Stasz, racking up 249 in the county for the year.

Month Lists. Marshall Iliff (Anne Arundel) reported the following Maryland cumulative "month list" totals.

January: 199, February: 152, March: 181, April: 224, May: 249, June: 202, July: 222, August: 203, September: 223, October: 190, November: 174, and December: 194.

Marshall notes that the above month list totals include only birds he has seen since beginning this additional game in 1997. He adds, " I have worked hard only on the January month lists, and even that has a number of easy holes to be filled. On Jan 3, 2000, I finally got Laughing Gull for the first time. My May and September lists, and most others, are beyond abysmal but this is largely to blame on college - I have been out of the state in most springs and falls. Interesting patterns (like the Laughing Gull, above) are revealed with this twist on MD listing, and it has the potential to turn up some good birds (remember that Cape May's Brown-chested Martin was identified by month listers "chasing" a Purple Martin".

Fun Lists:

Peter Ostenton liked Kyle Rambo's "**Tree List**" idea and started a similar one for a large pin oak off the deck at this home in Anne Arundel County. To date, he has found 49 species in that tree.

And now, "the envelope, please" ... Ever wonder what you might find on a list built from the envelopes sent to a county list compiler by a bunch of fanatic birding listers ... no, I really didn't think this had crossed your mind ... but, I'm going to tell you anyway. This list was compiled from stamps or stickers affixed to the envelopes you sent in. Here are the results of the "**Envelope List**:"

29 Plants/flower/trees; including strawberries (6), raspberries (3)
26 Birds
17 US flags
14 Fish
13 Mammals; reindeer (6), dogs (2), deer (2), rabbits (1), lions (1), tigers (1)
3 Works of art
2 Ships/boats
2 Coral
2 Mollusks/crustaceans
1 Landscape
1 Beetle

Here's the breakdown on the birds ...

3 Mallards
3 Roosters
3 baby birds, sp.
2 Northern Cardinals
2 Painted Buntings (a pair—they get my "best bird" award)
1 each of: Eastern Bluebird; Northern Mockingbird; Ring-necked Duck; American Kestrel; Purple Finch; Wood Duck; Red-headed Woodpecker; Green-winged Teal; Northern Pintail; Daffy Duck (!); eagle (USPS form); parrot, sp.; Bullock's Oriole (?); duck, sp.; and raptor, sp. (and, yes, I do realize this list is not in taxonomic order!)

Good birding to all in 2000!

Phil Davis

Locality Abbreviations and Maximums

Abbr	Locality	Max
MD	Maryland State	415
DC	District of Columbia	312
Ac	All-County	226
Algy	Allegany County	283
AnAr	Anne Arundel County	331
Balt	Baltimore City/County	332
Clvt	Calvert County	301
Crln	Caroline County	289
Carr	Carroll County	277
Cecl	Cecil County	290
Chas	Charles County	282
Dorc	Dorchester County	316
Fdrk	Frederick County	288
Grtt	Garrett County	276
Hrfd	Harford County	297
Hwrd	Howard County	289
Kent	Kent County	300
Mont	Montgomery County	308
PGeo	Prince George's County	317
QuAn	Queen Anne's County	300
StMa	Saint Mary's County	314
Smst	Somerset County	302
Tlbt	Talbot County	311
Wash	Washington County	260
Wico	Wicomico County	288
Worc	Worcester County	373

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Life Lists: 1999

Maryland State Max = 415

Name	Home	Life	1999
O'Brien, Paul	Mont	379	250
Hoffman, Mark	Carr	376	-
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	372	322
O'Brien, Michael	(NJ)	371	-
Pisano, Paul	(VA)	365	-
Gregoire, John	(NY)	364	-
Mudd, Harvey	Mont	363	-
Kaestner, Hank	Balt	362	-
Blom, Rick	Hrfd	360	-
Dyke, Samuel	Wico	356	-
Jett, George	Chas	356	286
Ringler, Bob	Carr	356	-
Klimkiewicz, Kathy	PGeo	353	-
Bonham, Larry	Mont	352	-
Davidson, Lynn	AnAr	352	-
Todd, Mary Ann	Mont	350	-
Parks, Floyd	Kent	346	-
Slaughter, Eddie	Balt	345	226
Kleen, Richard	Tlbt	344	-
Coskren, Jane	Hwrd	342	223
Iliff, Marshall	AnAr	340	302
Weigant, Leo	AnAr	339	236
Davis, Phil	AnAr	337	-
Janni, Ottavio	DC	337	-
Mudd, Marion	Mont	334	-
Rambo, Kyle	StMa	331	-
Armistead, Henry	(PA)	330	220
Broderick, Donald	Wico	329	-
Broderick, Carol	Wico	328	-
Saunders, Norman	Mont	326	247
Harvey, Dave	Carr	325	-
Solem, Jo	Hwrd	325	-
Saunders, Frances	Mont	322	243
Kirschbaum, Elliot	Balt	319	251
Oberman, Lola	Mont	319	148
Geddes, Shirley	Balt	317	180
Mumford, Dotty	AnAr	317	-
Osenton, Peter	AnAr	317	-
Sanford, Steve	Balt	316	-
Craig, Patty	StMa	315	252
Vaughn, Charles	Wico	314	-
Nistico, Paul	Chas	312	-
Hilton, Robert	Mont	311	-
Kirkwood, Dennis	Hrfd	310	-
Perry, David	AnAr	309	291
Vaughn, Gail	Wico	308	-
Wortman, John	Hrfd	308	-
Meritt, Don	Tlbt	305	-
Walbeck, David	AnAr	305	190
Cupp Sr., John	Hrfd	303	-
Haury, Allan	AnAr	302	-
Churchill, John	(WV)	300	266
Jenkins, Kye	Balt	300	-
Swift, Byron	DC	298	-
Hamilton, Sue	Clvt	297	238
Magnusson, Nancy	Hwrd	297	-

Maryland State Max =415 (Cont.)

Name	Home	Life	1999
Bell, Tyler	StMa	296	-
Miller, Greg	StMa	296	-
Hoffman, Amy	Carr	295	-
Kagarise, Ron	PGeo	295	-
Schaff, Frank	Fdrk	295	-
Coskren, Dennis	Hwrd	294	-
Armistead, George	(PA)	292	-
Kostenko, Jane	StMa	292	-
Ford, Stephen	Tlbt	290	-
Youth, Howard	Mont	288	-
Welch, Michael	Fdrk	287	230
Alexander, Burton	Hwrd	286	-
Hewitt, Marvin	Crln	286	-
Joyce, Emily	AnAr	286	-
Mahanres, Hugh	Mont	286	-
Watson-Whitmyre, Marcia	Cecl	285	240
Collins, John	Wash	284	-
Engle, Ethel	Crln	284	-
Homan, Dick	Mont	284	-
Hafner, Matt	Hrfd	281	279
Donovan, Michael	PGeo	280	-
Nistico, Pat	Chas	280	-
Therres, Glenn	QuAn	280	-
DeMoll, Edward	(KY)	279	-
Pemburn, Leanne	Balt	279	-
Pemburn, Mark	Balt	279	-
Pfingsten, Bill	Hrfd	279	-
Weesner, Dave	Wash	279	-
Ecker, Darius	Hwrd	277	-
Barnes, Wain	PGeo	275	-
Bowen, Michael	Mont	272	216
Bell, Wayne	Tlbt	270	217
Burley, Rod	PGeo	268	217
Bowen, Joy	Mont	266	194
Solem, Bob	Hwrd	264	-
Davis, Barbara	AnAr	263	-
Wallace, David	Fdrk	263	-
Ott, Bonnie	Hwrd	261	-
Martin, Gail	Balt	257	-
Fisher, Leslie	Cecl	255	237
Zeichner, Helen	Hwrd	254	-
Finley, Charles	Fdrk	248	-
Wood, Robert	Balt	248	-
Bowser, Bill	Balt	244	-
Bowser, Deb	Balt	244	-
Betts, Mary-Jo	Hwrd	243	205
Powell, David	Hrfd	240	233
Poet, Danny	QuAn	238	216
Drier, Kenneth	Cecl	234	-
Schindler, Lydia	Mont	232	-
Wlasniewski, Matt	(PA)	227	-
Grimm, Phyllis	Balt	224	-
Hartman, Bob	Mont	221	114
Hartman, Toni	Mont	221	114
Kerwin, Michael	Hwrd	217	-
Rabin, Andy	Mont	216	194

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District of Columbia — **Max = 312**

Name	Home	Life	1999
Janni, Ottavio	DC	259	-
Gregoire, John	(NY)	238	-
Hilton, Robert	Mont	236	-
Todd, Mary Ann	Mont	231	-
Swift, Byron	DC	228	-
Pisano, Paul	(VA)	222	-
Bowen, Michael	Mont	183	135
Shannon, Lisa	Mont	162	-
Saunders, Norman	Mont	159	-

All-County — **Max = 226**

Name	Home	Life	1999
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	152	65
Iliff, Marshall	AnAr	111	-
Ringler, Bob	Carr	104	-
Blom, Rick	Hrfd	99	-
Mudd, Harvey	Mont	80	-
Sanford, Steve	Balt	77	-
Harvey, Dave	Carr	59	-
Bonham, Larry	Mont	57	-
Davis, Phil	AnAr	57	-
Gregoire, John	(NY)	54	-
Jett, George	Chas	49	-
Perry, David	AnAr	48	48
Mumford, Dotty	AnAr	41	-
Davidson, Lynn	AnAr	40	-
Walbeck, David	AnAr	37	-
Nistico, Paul	Chas	34	-
Mudd, Marion	Mont	33	-
Saunders, Frances	Mont	27	-
Saunders, Norman	Mont	27	-
Alexander, Burton	Hwrd	24	-
Hamilton, Sue	Clvt	21	-
Churchill, John	(WV)	1	-

Allegany County — **Max = 283**

Name	Home	Life	1999
Paulus, Jim	Algy	269	-
Kiddy, Ray	Algy	230	182
Ringler, Bob	Carr	214	-
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	211	167
Gregoire, John	(NY)	190	-
Iliff, Marshall	AnAr	188	-
Churchill, John	(WV)	186	162
Blom, Rick	Hrfd	171	-
Sanford, Steve	Balt	165	-
O'Brien, Michael	(NJ)	164	-
Mudd, Harvey	Mont	161	-
Harvey, Dave	Carr	157	-
Walbeck, David	AnAr	157	38
Mudd, Marion	Mont	145	-

Anne Arundel County — **Max = 331**

Name	Home	Life	1999
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	284	145
Hoffman, Mark	Carr	273	-
Iliff, Marshall	AnAr	263	-
Davidson, Lynn	AnAr	260	-
Blom, Rick	Hrfd	258	-

Anne Arundel County — **Max = 331 (Cont.)**

Name	Home	Life	1999
Mumford, Dotty	AnAr	254	-
Perry, David	AnAr	239	196
Burley, Rod	PGeo	236	203
Ringler, Bob	Carr	230	-
Gregoire, John	(NY)	223	-
Mudd, Harvey	Mont	223	-
Haury, Allan	AnAr	220	-
Walbeck, David	AnAr	212	121
Davis, Phil	AnAr	210	-
Osenton, Peter	AnAr	194	-
Nistico, Paul	Chas	192	-
Alexander, Burton	Hwrd	190	-
O'Brien, Michael	(NJ)	187	-
Geddes, Shirley	Balt	179	120
Bonham, Larry	Mont	178	-
Mudd, Marion	Mont	175	-
Sanford, Steve	Balt	171	-
Harvey, Dave	Carr	170	-

Baltimore City/County — **Max = 332**

Name	Home	Life	1999
Kaestner, Hank	Balt	319	-
Blom, Rick	Hrfd	308	-
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	305	157
Ringler, Bob	Carr	296	-
Terry, Deborah	Balt	281	-
Geddes, Shirley	Balt	267	150
Slaughter, Eddie	Balt	265	-
Jenkins, Kye	Balt	252	-
Mudd, Harvey	Mont	247	-
Walbeck, David	AnAr	245	96
Kirschbaum, Elliot	Balt	243	-
Sanford, Steve	Balt	239	-
Iliff, Marshall	AnAr	222	-
Harvey, Dave	Carr	221	-
Mudd, Marion	Mont	220	-
O'Brien, Michael	(NJ)	218	-
Alexander, Burton	Hwrd	212	-
Pemburn, Leanne	Balt	205	-
Pemburn, Mark	Balt	205	-
Hoffman, Mark	Carr	194	-
Jett, George	Chas	189	-
Davidson, Lynn	AnAr	183	-
Cupp Sr., John	Hrfd	169	-
Gregoire, John	(NY)	166	-

Calvert County — **Max = 301**

Name	Home	Life	1999
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	293	170
Gregoire, John	(NY)	232	-
Hamilton, Sue	Clvt	229	179
Iliff, Marshall	AnAr	228	-
Blom, Rick	Hrfd	214	-
Ringler, Bob	Carr	208	-
Bell, Tyler	StMa	203	-
Rambo, Kyle	StMa	202	-
Mudd, Harvey	Mont	190	-
Davis, Phil	AnAr	175	-
Jett, George	Chas	171	-

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Calvert County	Max = 301 (Cont.)		
Name	Home	Life	1999
Nistico, Paul	Chas	170	-
Mumford, Dotty	AnAr	160	-
Perry, David	AnAr	157	153
Sanford, Steve	Balt	156	-

Caroline County	Max = 289		
Name	Home	Life	1999
Hewitt, Marvin	Crln	243	-
Engle, Ethel	Crln	232	-
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	229	183
Iliff, Marshall	AnAr	209	-
Ringler, Bob	Carr	193	-
Mudd, Harvey	Mont	187	-
Ford, Stephen	Tlbt	185	-
Blom, Rick	Hrfd	175	-
Meritt, Don	Tlbt	174	-
O'Brien, Michael	(NJ)	172	-
Gregoire, John	(NY)	161	-
Mudd, Marion	Mont	147	-
Sanford, Steve	Balt	147	-

Carroll County	Max = 277		
Name	Home	Life	1999
Ringler, Bob	Carr	269	-
Blom, Rick	Hrfd	250	-
Harvey, Dave	Carr	238	-
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	228	128
Hoffman, Mark	Carr	206	-
Iliff, Marshall	AnAr	196	-
Mudd, Harvey	Mont	190	-
Sanford, Steve	Balt	180	-
Alexander, Burton	Hwrd	170	-
Mudd, Marion	Mont	167	-
Gregoire, John	(NY)	161	-
Jett, George	Chas	146	-
Walbeck, David	AnAr	141	-
Kirschbaum, Elliot	Balt	140	-

Cecil County	Max = 290		
Name	Home	Life	1999
Griffith, Gary	Cecl	258	-
Watson-Whitmyre, Marcia	Cecl	255	221
Blom, Rick	Hrfd	246	-
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	239	167
Fisher, Leslie	Cecl	234	221
Drier, Kenneth	Cecl	214	-
Ringler, Bob	Carr	207	-
Iliff, Marshall	AnAr	198	-
Mudd, Harvey	Mont	197	-
Sanford, Steve	Balt	173	-
Mudd, Marion	Mont	171	-
Cupp Sr., John	Hrfd	169	-
Harvey, Dave	Carr	157	-
Griffith, Dylan	Cecl	154	-
Gregoire, John	(NY)	152	-
Jett, George	Chas	149	-

Charles County	Max = 282		
Name	Home	Life	1999
Jett, George	Chas	250	194
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	232	150
Nistico, Paul	Chas	230	-
Gregoire, John	(NY)	216	-
Iliff, Marshall	AnAr	196	-
Mudd, Harvey	Mont	195	-
Rambo, Kyle	StMa	195	-
Ringler, Bob	Carr	191	-
Blom, Rick	Hrfd	185	-
Donovan, Michael	PGeo	160	-
Mudd, Marion	Mont	158	-
Sanford, Steve	Balt	157	-
Burley, Rod	PGeo	155	146
Perry, David	AnAr	155	155
Davidson, Lynn	AnAr	146	-

Dorchester County	Max = 316		
Name	Home	Life	1999
Armistead, Henry	(PA)	291	208
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	261	187
O'Brien, Michael	(NJ)	252	-
Ford, Stephen	Tlbt	249	-
Dyke, Samuel	Wico	247	-
Ringler, Bob	Carr	243	-
Armistead, George	(PA)	240	-
Iliff, Marshall	AnAr	233	-
Meritt, Don	Tlbt	233	-
Blom, Rick	Hrfd	220	-
Mudd, Harvey	Mont	216	-
Gregoire, John	(NY)	213	-
O'Brien, Paul	Mont	213	-
Davidson, Lynn	AnAr	205	-
Bonham, Larry	Mont	201	-
Hoffman, Mark	Carr	201	-
Homan, Dick	Mont	187	-
Churchill, John	(WV)	186	115
Sanford, Steve	Balt	177	-
Todd, Mary Ann	Mont	176	-
Jett, George	Chas	173	-
Mudd, Marion	Mont	173	-
Harvey, Dave	Carr	172	-
Perry, David	AnAr	172	160
Mumford, Dotty	AnAr	164	-

Frederick County	Max = 288		
Name	Home	Life	1999
O'Brien, Paul	Mont	257	-
Miller, Stauffer	(MA)	253	-
Welch, Michael	Fdrk	245	198
Mudd, Harvey	Mont	233	-
Wallace, David	Fdrk	233	-
Finley, Charles	Fdrk	230	-
O'Brien, Michael	(NJ)	225	-
Cornelius, Ian	Fdrk	221	-
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	221	154
Ringler, Bob	Carr	219	-
Blom, Rick	Hrfd	213	-
Mudd, Marion	Mont	206	-

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Frederick County — **Max = 288 (Cont.)**

Name	Home	Life	1999
Harvey, Dave	Carr	200	-
Janni, Ottavio	DC	199	-
Gregoire, John	(NY)	196	-
Schaff, Frank	Fdrk	195	-
Mahanres, Hugh	Mont	189	-
Davidson, Lynn	AnAr	187	-
Iliff, Marshall	AnAr	183	-
Bonham, Larry	Mont	177	-
Oberman, Lola	Mont	177	-
Sanford, Steve	Balt	172	-
Perry, David	AnAr	158	147
Bowen, Michael	Mont	152	68
Homan, Dick	Mont	152	-
Jett, George	Chas	152	-
Swift, Byron	DC	146	-

Garrett County — **Max = 276**

Name	Home	Life	1999
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	214	184
Iliff, Marshall	AnAr	204	144
Ringler, Bob	Carr	196	-
Walbeck, David	AnAr	182	81
Churchill, John	(WV)	181	161
O'Brien, Michael	(NJ)	179	-
Blom, Rick	Hrfd	174	-
Jett, George	Chas	164	-
Sanford, Steve	Balt	159	-
Mumford, Dotty	AnAr	158	-
Gregoire, John	(NY)	152	-
Harvey, Dave	Carr	148	-
O'Brien, Paul	Mont	148	-
Mudd, Harvey	Mont	145	-
Hoffman, Mark	Carr	143	-
Davidson, Lynn	AnAr	139	-

Harford County — **Max = 297**

Name	Home	Life	1999
Blom, Rick	Hrfd	284	255
Wortman, John	Hrfd	273	-
Webb, Dave	Hrfd	261	208
Kirkwood, Dennis	Hrfd	252	-
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	235	189
Cupp Sr., John	Hrfd	228	-
Pfingsten, Bill	Hrfd	226	-
Ringler, Bob	Carr	223	-
Hafner, Matt	Hrfd	219	216
Mudd, Harvey	Mont	211	-
Powell, David	Hrfd	201	194
Mudd, Marion	Mont	185	-
Gregoire, John	(NY)	176	-
Iliff, Marshall	AnAr	176	-
Sanford, Steve	Balt	167	-
Jenkins, Kye	Balt	156	-

Howard County — **Max = 289**

Name	Home	Life	1999
Solem, Jo	Hwrd	268	194
Coskren, Jane	Hwrd	259	182

Howard County — **Max = 289 (Cont.)**

Name	Home	Life	1999
Ott, Bonnie	Hwrd	250	198
Magnusson, Nancy	Hwrd	246	-
Zeichner, Helen	Hwrd	237	-
Harvey, Dave	Carr	235	-
Osenton, Peter	AnAr	230	-
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	226	134
Solem, Bob	Hwrd	225	-
Betts, Mary-Jo	Hwrd	224	189
Ecker, Darius	Hwrd	223	-
Ringler, Bob	Carr	219	-
Kerwin, Michael	Hwrd	214	-
Alexander, Burton	Hwrd	208	-
Burley, Rod	PGeo	208	183
Mudd, Harvey	Mont	208	-
Blom, Rick	Hrfd	205	-
Davis, Phil	AnAr	205	-
Coskren, Dennis	Hwrd	197	-
Schwartz, Kurt	Hwrd	194	174
Iliff, Marshall	AnAr	191	-
Saunders, Norman	Mont	179	-
Gregoire, John	(NY)	178	-
Newman, Carol	Hwrd	174	-
Sanford, Steve	Balt	167	-
Mudd, Marion	Mont	163	-
Bowen, Michael	Mont	158	70

Kent County — **Max = 300**

Name	Home	Life	1999
Parks, Floyd	Kent	276	-
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	225	157
Ringler, Bob	Carr	205	-
Blom, Rick	Hrfd	201	-
Iliff, Marshall	AnAr	198	-
Mudd, Harvey	Mont	185	-
Sanford, Steve	Balt	165	-
Perry, David	AnAr	155	140
Gregoire, John	(NY)	153	-

Montgomery County — **Max = 308**

Name	Home	Life	1999
O'Brien, Paul	Mont	284	153
O'Brien, Michael	(NJ)	281	-
Bonham, Larry	Mont	267	-
Mudd, Harvey	Mont	261	-
Oberman, Lola	Mont	256	-
Mudd, Marion	Mont	249	-
Todd, Mary Ann	Mont	248	-
Saunders, Norman	Mont	235	-
Hilton, Robert	Mont	231	-
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	226	142
Saunders, Frances	Mont	219	-
Bowen, Michael	Mont	217	162
Welch, Michael	Fdrk	217	-
Mahanres, Hugh	Mont	215	-
Homan, Dick	Mont	213	-
DeMoll, Edward	(KY)	211	-
Janni, Ottavio	DC	210	-
Blom, Rick	Hrfd	209	-
Bowen, Joy	Mont	205	117

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Montgomery County **Max = 308 (Cont.)**

Name	Home	Life	1999
Ringler, Bob	Carr	204	-
Swift, Byron	DC	204	-
Schaff, Frank	Fdrk	199	-
Rabin, Andy	Mont	197	173
Gregoire, John	(NY)	192	-
Sanford, Steve	Balt	188	-
Iliff, Marshall	AnAr	186	-
Davidson, Lynn	AnAr	185	-
Jett, George	Chas	185	-
Barnes, Wain	PGeo	182	-
Burley, Rod	PGeo	178	156
Nistico, Paul	Chas	177	-
Donovan, Michael	PGeo	161	-
Wlasniewski, Matt	(PA)	160	-
Perry, David	AnAr	159	152
Alexander, Burton	Hwrd	158	-

Prince George's County **Max = 317**

Name	Home	Life	1999
Gregoire, John	(NY)	261	-
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	259	162
Blom, Rick	Hrfd	237	-
Nistico, Paul	Chas	230	-
Osenton, Peter	AnAr	227	-
Ringler, Bob	Carr	205	-
Iliff, Marshall	AnAr	202	-
Mudd, Harvey	Mont	202	-
Donovan, Michael	PGeo	201	-
Jett, George	Chas	201	-
Perry, David	AnAr	200	168
Davidson, Lynn	AnAr	199	-
Barnes, Wain	PGeo	188	-
Burley, Rod	PGeo	186	161
Davis, Phil	AnAr	174	-
Churchill, John	(WV)	173	87
Sanford, Steve	Balt	171	-
Mumford, Dotty	AnAr	170	-

Queen Anne's County **Max = 300**

Name	Home	Life	1999
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	249	188
Iliff, Marshall	AnAr	219	-
Blom, Rick	Hrfd	214	-
Ringler, Bob	Carr	214	-
Mudd, Harvey	Mont	207	-
Poet, Danny	QuAn	200	167
Gregoire, John	(NY)	188	-
Therres, Glenn	QuAn	185	-
Perry, David	AnAr	171	139
Davidson, Lynn	AnAr	164	-
Mudd, Marion	Mont	159	-
Mumford, Dotty	AnAr	159	-
Sanford, Steve	Balt	154	-

Saint Mary's County **Max = 314**

Name	Home	Life	1999
Craig, Patty	StMa	301	251
Rambo, Kyle	StMa	300	236

Saint Mary's County **Max = 314 (Cont.)**

Name	Home	Life	1999
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	259	177
Cribb, Martin	StMa	251	-
Bell, Tyler	StMa	247	161
Kostenko, Jane	StMa	246	160
Jett, George	Chas	231	129
O'Brien, Michael	(NJ)	226	-
Iliff, Marshall	AnAr	216	-
Blom, Rick	Hrfd	212	-
Mudd, Harvey	Mont	211	-
Nistico, Paul	Chas	207	-
Ringler, Bob	Carr	207	-
Miller, Greg	StMa	202	-
Davidson, Lynn	AnAr	190	-
Gregoire, John	(NY)	188	-
O'Brien, Paul	Mont	187	-
Sanford, Steve	Balt	174	-
Mudd, Marion	Mont	162	-
Hamilton, Sue	Clvt	158	-
Perry, David	AnAr	158	149
Hoffman, Mark	Carr	157	-

Somerset County **Max = 302**

Name	Home	Life	1999
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	268	189
Dyke, Samuel	Wico	248	-
Iliff, Marshall	AnAr	237	-
Armistead, Henry	(PA)	230	-
Ringler, Bob	Carr	222	-
Slaughter, Eddie	Balt	221	-
Vaughn, Charles	Wico	214	-
Hoffman, Mark	Carr	208	-
Vaughn, Gail	Wico	206	-
Gregoire, John	(NY)	204	-
Davidson, Lynn	AnAr	201	-
Blom, Rick	Hrfd	186	-
Mudd, Harvey	Mont	184	-
Mumford, Dotty	AnAr	179	-
Sanford, Steve	Balt	174	-
Jett, George	Chas	172	100
Bonham, Larry	Mont	161	-
Harvey, Dave	Carr	159	-
Perry, David	AnAr	159	153
Mudd, Marion	Mont	158	-

Talbot County **Max = 311**

Name	Home	Life	1999
Kleen, Richard	Tlbt	287	-
Meritt, Don	Tlbt	272	-
Armistead, Henry	(PA)	261	165
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	245	161
Ford, Stephen	Tlbt	239	-
Bell, Wayne	Tlbt	221	178
Iliff, Marshall	AnAr	221	-
Armistead, George	(PA)	214	-
Ringler, Bob	Carr	213	-
O'Brien, Michael	(NJ)	192	-
Mudd, Harvey	Mont	189	-
Blom, Rick	Hrfd	186	-

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Talbot County **Max = 311 (Cont.)**

Name	Home	Life	1999
Sanford, Steve	Balt	172	-
Gregoire, John	(NY)	161	-
Davidson, Lynn	AnAr	160	-
Mumford, Dotty	AnAr	158	-

Washington County **Max = 260**

Name	Home	Life	1999
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	213	153
Ringler, Bob	Carr	201	-
Blom, Rick	Hrfd	186	-
Weesner, Dave	Wash	186	-
Iliff, Marshall	AnAr	183	-
Mudd, Harvey	Mont	169	-
Sanford, Steve	Balt	156	-
Gregoire, John	(NY)	150	-
Mudd, Marion	Mont	150	-
Davidson, Lynn	AnAr	148	-
Perry, David	AnAr	136	122
Hoffman, Mark	Carr	133	-

Wicomico County **Max = 288**

Name	Home	Life	1999
Dyke, Samuel	Wico	279	198
Broderick, Donald	Wico	261	-
Broderick, Carol	Wico	257	-
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	232	151
Vaughn, Gail	Wico	224	-
Vaughn, Charles	Wico	223	-
Iliff, Marshall	AnAr	200	-
Ringler, Bob	Carr	198	-
Blom, Rick	Hrfd	189	-
Slaughter, Eddie	Balt	175	-
Mudd, Harvey	Mont	172	-
Gregoire, John	(NY)	164	-
Mudd, Marion	Mont	156	-

Worcester County **Max = 373**

Name	Home	Life	1999
Hoffman, Mark	Carr	345	-
Dyke, Samuel	Wico	339	-
O'Brien, Michael	(NJ)	336	-
O'Brien, Paul	Mont	324	-
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	320	249
Blom, Rick	Hrfd	317	-
Iliff, Marshall	AnAr	302	-
Todd, Mary Ann	Mont	292	-
Ringler, Bob	Carr	284	-
Armistead, Henry	(PA)	281	-
Slaughter, Eddie	Balt	277	-
Gregoire, John	(NY)	275	-
Davidson, Lynn	AnAr	274	-
Jett, George	Chas	271	165
Coskren, Jane	Hwrd	270	-
Vaughn, Charles	Wico	266	-
Vaughn, Gail	Wico	266	-
Janni, Ottavio	DC	257	-
Meritt, Don	Tlbt	253	-
Bonham, Larry	Mont	246	-

Worcester County **Max = 373 (Cont.)**

Name	Home	Life	1999
Mudd, Harvey	Mont	240	-
Mumford, Dotty	AnAr	231	-
Alexander, Burton	Hwrd	217	-
Harvey, Dave	Carr	216	-
Davis, Phil	AnAr	215	-
Saunders, Frances	Mont	212	-
Saunders, Norman	Mont	212	-
Kirschbaum, Elliot	Balt	208	-
Miller, Greg	StMa	198	-
Hamilton, Sue	Clvt	195	-
Sanford, Steve	Balt	193	-
Walbeck, David	AnAr	192	45

Yard Lists: 1999

Maryland Yard-Home

Name	Home	Life	1999	Yard	Type
Armistead, Henry	(PA)	258	162	Tlbt	H
Iliff, Marshall	AnAr	208	-	AnAr	H
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	207	-	Clvt	H
Engle, Ethel	Crln	202	-	Crln	H
Kleen, Richard	Tlbt	201	-	Tlbt	H
Robbins, Chan	PGeo	199	108	PGeo	H
Kirkwood, Dennis	Hrfd	193	-	Hfrd	H
Craig, Patty	StMa	191	140	StMa	H
Armistead, George	(PA)	185	-	Tlbt	H
O'Brien, Michael	(NJ)	180	-	Mont	H
Blom, Rick	Hrfd	173	-	Hrfd	H
Broderick, Donald	Wico	166	-	Wico	H
Ott, Bonnie	Hwrd	166	124	Hwrd	H
Dyke, Samuel	Wico	164	-	Wico	H
Watson-Whitmyre, Marcia	Cecl	164	129	Cecl	H
Broderick, Carol	Wico	161	-	Wico	H
O'Brien, Paul	Mont	158	87	Mont	H
Saunders, Norman	Mont	157	-	Mont	H
Saunders, Frances	Mont	156	-	Mont	H
Rambo, Kyle	StMa	154	-	StMa	H
Jett, George	Chas	149	94	Chas	H
Zeichner, Helen	Hwrd	147	-	Hwrd	H
Nistico, Paul	Chas	144	-	Chas	H
Wortman, John	Hrfd	138	-	Hrfd	H
Solem, Jo	Hwrd	137	-	Hwrd	H
Finley, Charles	Fdrk	135	71	Frdk	H
Wood, Robert	Balt	133	-	Balt	H
Hamilton, Sue	Clvt	130	-	Clvt	H
Ebert, Ward	Hwrd	129	-	Hwrd	H
Kerwin, Michael	Hwrd	126	-	Hwrd	H
Schindler, Lydia	Mont	124	-	Mont	H
Parks, Floyd	Kent	121	-	Kent	H
Schaff, Frank	Fdrk	120	-	Fdrk	H
Simonson, Don	Mont	120	-	Mont	H
Walbeck, David	AnAr	120	64	AnAr	H
Griffith, Gary	Cecl	117	-	Cecl	H
Osenton, Peter	AnAr	116	103	AnAr	H
Welch, Michael	Fdrk	116	74	Fdrk	H

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Maryland Yard-Home (Cont.)

Name	Home	Life	1999	Yard	Type
Ford, Stephen	Tlbt	115	-	Tlbt	H
Wallace, David	Fdrk	115	-	Fdrk	H
Jenkins, Kye	Balt	114	-	Balt	H
Barnes, Wain	PGeo	113	-	PGeo	H
Joyce, Emily	AnAr	112	-	AnAr	H
Swift, Byron	DC	112	-	DC	H
Oberman, Lola	Mont	111	41	Mont	H
Bell, Tyler	StMa	110	-	StMa	H
Davis, Phil	AnAr	110	-	AnAr	H
Grimm, Phyllis	Balt	110	-	Balt	H
Kostenko, Jane	StMa	110	-	StMa	H
Youth, Howard	Mont	109	-	Mont	H
Millenson, Janet	Mont	107	69	Mont	H
Drier, Kenneth	Cecl	106	-	Cecl	H
Sanford, Steve	Balt	106	-	Balt	H
Bonham, Larry	Mont	104	-	Mont	H
Miller, Greg	StMa	104	104	StMa	H
Webb, Dave	Hrfd	104	84	Hrfd	H
Mudd, Harvey	Mont	103	-	Mont	H
Burley, Rod	PGeo	102	86	PGeo	H
Harvey, Dave	Carr	102	-	Carr	H
Newman, Carol	Hwrd	100	56	Hwrd	H
Newman, Paul S.	Hwrd	100	-	Hwrd	H
Powell, David	Hrfd	99	80	Hrfd	H
Ringler, Bob	Carr	99	-	Carr	H
Bell, Wayne	Tlbt	98	86	Tlbt	H
Geddes, Shirley	Balt	98	98	Balt	H
Fisher, Leslie	Cecl	97	80	Cecl	H
Alexander, Burton	Hwrd	96	-	Hwrd	H
Knobel-Besa, Penny	Algy	96	-	Algy	H
Laskowski, Joanne	Tlbt	96	-	Tlbt	H
Homan, Dick	Mont	94	-	Mont	H
Reinig, James	AnAr	94	-	AnAr	H
Weigant, Leo	AnAr	92	-	AnAr	H
Therres, Glenn	QuAn	83	-	QuAn	H
Highsaw, Jim	Balt	80	61	Balt	H
Prentice, Linda	Balt	80	61	Balt	H
Betts, Mary-Jo	Hwrd	77	77	Hwrd	H
Pemburn, Leanne	Balt	77	-	Balt	H
Pemburn, Mark	Balt	77	-	Balt	H
Hilton, Robert	Mont	76	-	Mont	H
Cupp Sr., John	Hrfd	72	-	Hrfd	H
Haury, Allan	AnAr	70	-	AnAr	H
Ecker, Darius	Hwrd	63	-	Hwrd	H
Hartman, Bob	Mont	63	39	Mont	H
Hartman, Toni	Mont	63	39	Mont	H
Donovan, Michael	PGeo	60	-	PGeo	H
Patton, Helen	Mont	50	29	Mont	H
Bowser, Bill	Balt	48	-	Balt	H
Bowser, Deb	Balt	48	-	Balt	H

DC Yard

Name	Home	Life	1999	Yard	Type
Janni, Ottavio	DC	114	-	DC	H
Swift, Byron	DC	55	-	DC	H

Maryland Work/Other

Name	Home	Life	1999	Yard	Type
Webb, Dave	Hrfd	220	-	Hrfd	W
Osenton, Peter	AnAr	205	-	PGeo	W
Wheeler, Joy	Balt	201	-	Balt	O
Cribb, Martin	StMa	197	-	StMa	O
Bowen, Michael	Mont	151	-	Hwrd	O
Slaughter, Eddie	Balt	140	-	Balt	O
Weesner, Dave	Wash	127	-	Wash	W
Weigant, Leo	AnAr	100	-	AnAr	W
Hilton, Robert	Mont	28	-	Mont	W

All-time Highs

Maryland State — **Max = 415**

Name	Home	Year	Life	%
Hoffman, Mark	Carr	1994	329	79%
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	1999	322	78%
O'Brien, Michael	(NJ)	1991	320	77%
O'Brien, Michael	(NJ)	1994	317	76%
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	1994	312	75%
Jett, George	Chas	1994	311	75%
Hoffman, Mark	Carr	1992	310	75%
Todd, Mary Ann	Mont	1994	306	74%
Gregoire, John	(NY)	1985	306	74%
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	1992	305	73%
Hoffman, Mark	Carr	1976	304	73%
Coskren, Jane	Hwrd	1994	304	73%
Jett, George	Chas	1992	303	73%
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	1998	302	73%
Iliff, Marshall	AnAr	1999	302	73%
Todd, Mary Ann	Mont	1995	302	73%
O'Brien, Paul	Mont	1991	300	72%
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	1997	296	71%
O'Brien, Michael	(NJ)	1990	296	71%
Hoffman, Mark	Carr	1995	294	71%
Perry, David	AnAr	1999	291	70%
O'Brien, Paul	Mont	1988	291	70%

District of Columbia — **Max = 312**

Name	Home	Year	Life	%
Janni, Ottavio	DC	1993	217	70%
Janni, Ottavio	DC	1992	206	66%
Gregoire, John	(NY)	1986	201	64%

All-County — **Max = 226**

Name	Home	Year	Life	%
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	1999	65	29%
Perry, David	AnAr	1999	48	21%
Davis, Phil	AnAr	1995	44	19%

Allegany County — **Max = 283**

Name	Home	Year	Life	%
Kiddy, Ray	Algy	1999	182	64%
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	1992	171	60%
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	1999	167	59%

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Anne Arundel County — Max = 331

Name	Home	Year	Life	%
Hoffman, Mark	Carr	1976	233	70%
Hoffman, Mark	Carr	1975	231	70%
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	1992	229	69%

Baltimore City/County — Max = 332

Name	Home	Year	Life	%
Blom, Rick	Hrfd	1977	265	80%
Ringler, Bob	Carr	1986	226	68%
Ringler, Bob	Carr	1987	203	61%

Calvert County — Max = 301

Name	Home	Year	Life	%
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	1992	233	77%
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	1989	231	77%
Gregoire, John	(NY)	1984	221	73%
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	1991	218	72%
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	1987	212	70%
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	1990	212	70%

Caroline County — Max = 289

Name	Home	Year	Life	%
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	1999	183	63%
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	1992	151	52%
Hewitt, Marvin	Crln	1989	141	49%

Carroll County — Max = 277

Name	Home	Year	Life	%
Ringler, Bob	Carr	1995	204	74%
Ringler, Bob	Carr	1992	201	73%
Ringler, Bob	Carr	1994	199	72%
Ringler, Bob	Carr	1993	198	71%
Ringler, Bob	Carr	1988	195	70%

Cecil County — Max = 290

Name	Home	Year	Life	%
Fisher, Leslie	Cecl	1999	221	76%
Watson-Whitmyre, Marcia	Cecl	1999	221	76%
Griffith, Gary	Cecl	1994	216	74%
Griffith, Gary	Cecl	1996	214	74%
Watson-Whitmyre, Marcia	Cecl	1998	212	73%
Griffith, Gary	Cecl	1995	211	73%
Watson-Whitmyre, Marcia	Cecl	1997	204	70%

Charles County — Max = 282

Name	Home	Year	Life	%
Jett, George	Chas	1996	212	75%
Jett, George	Chas	1994	207	73%
Jett, George	Chas	1995	206	73%

Dorchester County — Max = 316

Name	Home	Year	Life	%
Armistead, Henry	(PA)	1967	244	77%
Armistead, Henry	(PA)	1992	218	69%
Armistead, Henry	(PA)	1988	215	68%

Frederick County — Max = 288

Name	Home	Year	Life	%
Miller, Stauffer	(MA)	1993	231	80%
Miller, Stauffer	(MA)	1992	217	75%
Miller, Stauffer	(MA)	1991	215	75%
Miller, Stauffer	(MA)	1990	215	75%

Garrett County — Max = 276

Name	Home	Year	Life	%
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	1999	184	67%
Churchill, John	(WV)	1999	161	58%
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	1992	153	55%

Harford County — Max = 297

Name	Home	Year	Life	%
Blom, Rick	Hrfd	1999	255	86%
Webb, Dave	Hrfd	1995	224	75%
Webb, Dave	Hrfd	1994	221	74%
Hafner, Matt	Hrfd	1999	216	73%
Wortman, John	Hrfd	1995	209	70%
Webb, Dave	Hrfd	1998	208	70%
Webb, Dave	Hrfd	1999	208	70%
Webb, Dave	Hrfd	1993	208	70%

Howard County — Max = 289

Name	Home	Year	Life	%
Ott, Bonnie	Hwrd	1994	221	76%
Solem, Jo	Hwrd	1994	220	76%
Magnusson, Nancy	Hwrd	1990	210	73%
Coskren, Jane	Hwrd	1990	209	72%
Coskren, Jane	Hwrd	1994	209	72%
Solem, Jo	Hwrd	1989	207	72%

Kent County — Max = 300

Name	Home	Year	Life	%
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	1999	157	52%
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	1992	150	50%
Perry, David	AnAr	1999	140	47%

Montgomery County — Max = 308

Name	Home	Year	Life	%
O'Brien, Paul	Mont	1991	229	74%
O'Brien, Michael	(NJ)	1991	221	72%
O'Brien, Paul	Mont	1990	214	69%

Prince George's County — Max = 317

Name	Home	Year	Life	%
Gregoire, John	(NY)	1984	243	77%
Gregoire, John	(NY)	1985	238	75%
Gregoire, John	(NY)	1986	212	67%

Queen Anne's County — Max = 300

Name	Home	Year	Life	%
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	1999	188	63%
Poet, Danny	QuAn	1999	167	56%
Poet, Danny	QuAn	1998	162	54%

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Saint Mary's County — **Max = 314**

Name	Home	Year	Life	%
Craig, Patty	StMa	1996	258	82%
Rambo, Kyle	StMa	1996	254	81%
Craig, Patty	StMa	1999	251	80%
Cribb, Martin	StMa	1996	251	80%
Craig, Patty	StMa	1998	249	79%
Craig, Patty	StMa	1997	242	77%
Craig, Patty	StMa	1995	236	75%
Rambo, Kyle	StMa	1999	236	75%
Rambo, Kyle	StMa	1998	232	74%
Craig, Patty	StMa	1994	228	73%
Rambo, Kyle	StMa	1995	222	71%
Rambo, Kyle	StMa	1997	220	70%

Somerset County — **Max = 302**

Name	Home	Year	Life	%
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	1982	245	81%
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	1999	189	63%
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	1992	173	57%

Talbot County — **Max = 311**

Name	Home	Year	Life	%
Bell, Wayne	Tlbt	1999	178	57%
O'Brien, Michael	(NJ)	1990	175	56%
Armistead, Henry	(PA)	1995	174	56%

Washington County — **Max = 260**

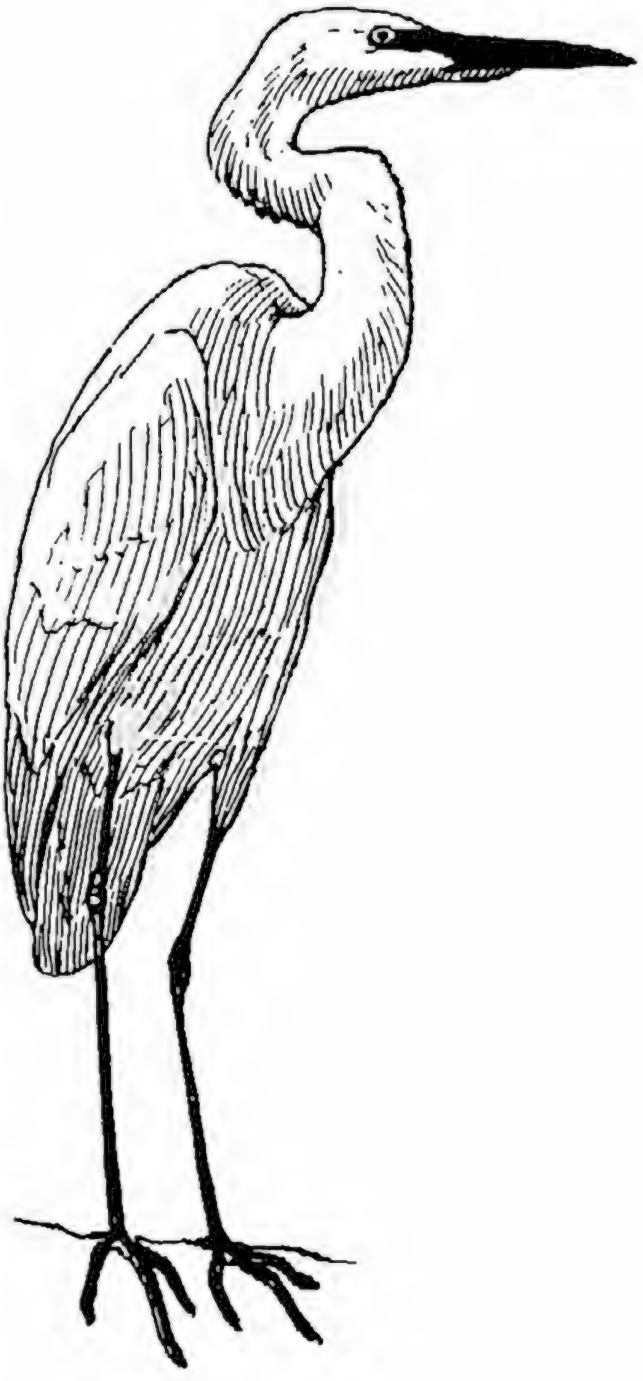
Name	Home	Year	Life	%
Weesner, Dave	Wash	1998	170	65%
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	1999	153	59%
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	1992	151	58%

Wicomico County — **Max = 288**

Name	Home	Year	Life	%
Dyke, Samuel	Wico	1998	200	69%
Dyke, Samuel	Wico	1999	198	69%
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	1992	160	56%

Worcester County — **Max = 373**

Name	Home	Year	Life	%
Hoffman, Mark	Carr	1994	303	81%
Hoffman, Mark	Carr	1992	300	80%
O'Brien, Michael	(NJ)	1994	298	80%
O'Brien, Michael	(NJ)	1995	295	79%
O'Brien, Michael	(NJ)	1991	284	76%
Hoffman, Mark	Carr	1991	264	71%
Coskren, Jane	Hwrd	1994	263	71%



Resources for Rehabilitating Birds

by Martha F. Waugh

Maryland is fortunate in having many excellent resources for rehabilitating birds and other animals. As spring and summer arrive, the need for these resources peaks. There is a state-wide "help" number, 1-410-260-8540, provided by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, which will supply the name and phone number of the nearest licensed rehabilitator. This service, however, is only available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Natural Resources Police Service maintains a 24 hour phone service at 410-260-8888, but they have made it clear that they will never send out an officer to rescue a bird or other animal. They will, however, provide information about nearby rehabilitators. Wild Bird Rescue, a non-profit rehabilitation center in Baltimore County, has a 24 hour number, 410-288-4546, and serves the state. They will offer advice and, if possible, dispatch one of their many volunteers located in the appropriate area to pick up an injured bird.

There are five major Maryland rehabilitators in Maryland: Chesapeake Wildlife Sanctuary (Prince Georges County), Last Chance Wildlife Center (Frederick County), Noah's Ark Wildlife Center (Anne Arundel County), Second Chance Wildlife Center (Montgomery County), and Wild Bird Rescue (Baltimore County). In addition, the Eastern Shore is served by Tri-state Bird Rescue and Research, Inc. of Newark, Delaware, one of the largest rehab facilities in the country. Beyond these larger facilities, there are a number of rehabilitators on the list who handle as much as they can through word-of-mouth referrals and would appreciate not having their names and numbers disseminated in public media. The rehabilitators are very cooperative with each other. If a smaller center does not have a flight cage for example, they will transfer a wounded bird to a larger center. Some rehabbers will treat only certain animals and have applied for restricted licenses. Some exclude snakes, some migratory birds, some raptors. Many, but not all, belong to the Maryland Wildlife Rehabilitators Association, Inc. which began publishing a referral directory in November of 1999 and is currently working on a web page. A copy can be obtained by writing to P.O. Box 296, Pasadena, MD 21122 or Cnile7@aol.com.

Rehabilitators of birds must have both a state license and a Federal license because of the stringent restrictions against possessing certain birds and animals. In addition, next year rehab specialists will be required to take additional training each year in order to keep their licenses. The Maryland Wildlife Rehabilitators Assn., anticipating this requirement, sponsored a successful day-long advanced training session this winter. All of the rehab centers are non-profit operations, run by volunteers who love animals. They are in constant need of volunteer help, supplies (from bird seed to fencing to masking tape to old blankets), and money. Volunteers can take training and work with birds as helpers or as student rehabbers or they can perform discrete tasks: build cages, seek donations and grants, or give legal or tax advice.

Most of the rehabbers cite people-interactions and cat and dog bites as the primary sources of injury to birds. "Kidnapping" is one of the most common problems of birds in this season. Well meaning Samaritans find a baby bird or fledgling and assume that it is orphaned. There is a recurring myth that birds will abandon their young if they are touched by humans. Actually, birds have no sense of smell and cannot detect scent. Experts advise moving away from the fledgling or baby and watching from a distance. If the bird is in an unsafe location, move it to a better place, perhaps under a bush. The adult birds will probably come back to its assistance. If a nest has been destroyed by a storm, a new one may be made out of hay, straw, grass or other materials, and placed as close to the original location as possible. Put the babies in the nest and watch for the adults to return.

Birds are often injured by flying into a car or a plate glass window. The important things for all distressed birds is to keep them warm and quiet and away from people and pets. Put a stunned or injured bird in a safe, warm, quiet, and dark place where it can recover. A box with an old blanket over the top would be ideal. A bird could be warmed in your hands or placed under your shirt next to your body. Cover the eyes of an injured or stunned raptor with a towel or jacket. Try to approach the raptor from behind and transfer the bird to a box while pinning the feet. Tape the box shut if you are transporting the bird to a rehab facility.

Mycoplasm conjunctivitis, a condition characterized by crusted material around and eventually over the eyes, is quite serious. Rehabbers advise catching the bird, placing it is a box with a warm cover and getting it a rehab facility quickly. This sounds about as easy as the old advice, "Catch a bird by putting salt on its tail." However, the bird with this problem can see very little and actually can be caught with some patience and a careful approach. A course of antibiotics has proven to be quite successful, but the bird must be quarantined during the treatment. Opinions are mixed on releasing it back into the wild. The feeder and any water bowls should be disinfected with a bleach and water solution. The ground below them should be swept clean of feces and detritus. Regularly disinfecting feeders and water containers, before seeing birds with the condition, would help to prevent this scourge.

Rehabilitation Resources in Maryland

State-Wide
State of Maryland Referral Service: 1-410-260-8540 (9 to 5, Monday through Friday)
The Natural Resources Police 410-260-8888 (24 hour service)
Wild Bird Rescue 410-288-4546 (24 hour service, may be able to pick-up)

Allegany
Birds of Prey only: Floyd Pressley 301 689-2742
16420 Duck Hawk Drive NW
Frostburg 21532

Anne Arundel
Noah's Ark Wildlife Center 410-255-9233
Velvet and Ted Kitzmiller
45 Luke Drive
Pasadena, MD 21122

Terry Moritz 410-255-8050, email: woodduck@toad.net
1811 Cremen Road
Pasaddna, MD 21122

Baltimore
Wild Bird Rescue - 410-288-4546
Gerda Detterer
8139 Cornwall RD.
Baltimore 212

Caroline (Dorchester, Queen Annes, and Talbot)
Kelly Allen 410-479-3845 email: kellysallen@yahoo.com
Hickory Bluff
24331 Asbury Drive
Denton, MD 21629

Carroll
Frisky's Reservation 410-418-8899 email:friskys.org
10790 Old Frederick Road
Woodstock, MD 21163

Cecil
Tri-state Bird Rescue and Research, Inc. 302-737-9543
Coleen Doucette
110 Possum Hollow Rd.
Newark, DE 19711

Frederick
Last Chance Wildlife Center 301-271-4816 email: Cnile7@aol.com
Di Conger, President, Maryland Wildlife Rehabilitators Association, Inc.
15102-A Kelbaugh Road
Frederick, MD 21788-1123

Harford
Songbirds: Phoenix Wildlife Center 410-628-9736

Waterfowl: Wildlife R&R, Inc. 410-836-1129

Harford (Cont.)
Injured birds of prey: Debbie Delevan Saylor 410-692-9305
3504 Advocate Hill Drive
Jarrettsville, MD 21084

Howard
All Things Great and Small 301-596-0044 email: ibica@aol.com
Judith Holzman
10111 Silver Twine Lane
Columbia, MD 21045

Kent
Tri-state Bird Rescue and Research, Inc. 302-737-9543
110 Possum Hollow Rd.
Newark, DE 19711

Montgomery
Second Chance Wildlife Center 301-926-9435 email:
Chris@scwc.org
Chris Montuori
7101 Barcellona Drive
Gaithersburg, MD 20879

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A Bird and Small Animal Rescue and Rehabilitation Facility

by Al Haury

I had a recent experience that introduced me to a previously unknown (to me) bird and small animal rescue and rehabilitation facility. One of the Sandy Point State Park Rangers and I were checking out the Bluebird boxes in the park when a couple of people came up and told us about an injured bird at the boat launching area. The Ranger and I went to the area and found a Great Black-backed Gull with a broken wing. The bird made no attempt to move away from us. The Ranger called the Wild Bird Rescue facility in Dundalk and within 3 hours, a volunteer arrived to pick up the bird.

I have since asked for and received some literature about the facility and want to share this information with those of you who have not heard of the place. The following is taken from their brochure. "Wild Bird Rescue is a nonprofit organization dedicated to caring for injured, sick and orphaned wildlife and returning these creatures back to the wild. The WBR has a network of licensed wildlife rehabilitators in Maryland who voluntarily care for and release hundreds of animals each year, giving them a second chance at life." The WBR works hand in hand with the Carrie Murray Outdoor Education Campus in Baltimore. This facility is located in Gwynns Falls/Leakin Park and can be reached at 410-396-0808. They have an extensive education program throughout the year.

The WBR published wildlife information, sponsors educational programs, offers training for those interested in becoming wildlife rehabilitators and more. The work is accomplished by volunteers and is supported entirely by donations.

The phone number to contact the WBR is 410-288-4546. Besides letting them know about injured birds, the trained volunteers will answer questions concerning wildlife and will assist the public with wildlife emergencies.

MOS Activities
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Tuesday, May 2

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Lake Roland. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the footbridge in Robert E. Lee Park. For further information, contact the leader, Shirley Geddes, at 410-377-6583.

MEETING. Baltimore. Surprise program to be revealed later. 7:30 p.m. at Cylburn Mansion.

FIELD TRIP. Howard. Weekday Walk at Daniels. Walk this woodland gravel path along the river to look for warblers . Easy walking, no facilities. 2 hours. Meet at 8 :30 at the Camels Den lot. Walk this woodland gravel path along the river to look for warblers . Easy walking, no facilities. For further information, contact Bonnie Ott at 410-461-3361.

Wednesday, May 3

MEETING. Carroll. "The Maryland Yellow Book" by Bob Ringler. 7:30 p.m. at Carroll Community College, Westminster, MD. For more information, call Laura Tarbell at 410-857-1109.

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Eden Mill. An easy morning walk in one of Harford County's nicest parks. Bird species to includes Eastern Bluebird, American Goldfinch, and Louisiana Waterthrush. Meet at the Eden Mill trail head, near the bridge on Eden Mill Road at 8:00 a.m. Leader Dave Powell can be contacted at 410-452-5806.

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Huntley Meadows County Park, VA. For seniors, juniors and "in-betweens." Fifth annual intergenerational trip to a perennially popular birding spot. Warblers, marsh birds, possible raptors. Meet 8:00 a.m. at the Nature Center parking lot. For further information, contact the leader, Luther Goldman, at 301-474-1240.

Thursday, May 4

MEETING. Frederick. "35 Years of Frederick County May Counts." Mike Welch, coordinator for the past 10 years will give us an overview. 7:30 p.m. at Frederick High School in the Music Room.

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Pennyfield Lock. Migrant and nesting landbirds. Meet at end of Pennyfield Lock Road at 7 a.m. For further information and reservations, contact the leader, Cyndie Loeper, at 301-530-8226.

Friday, May 5

MEETING. Anne Arundel. "New Frontiers in Birding - South Africa" by Daphne Gemmill. 8:00 p.m. at the DNR Conference Room, Tawes Building, corner of Taylor Avenue and Rowe Boulevard, Annapolis.

MEETING. Harford. "Eastern Bluebirds" by Eric Cromwell of Aberdeen High School. Meet at 6:15 p.m. at Churchville Presbyterian Church, MD 22 & MD 136. For further information, call 410-692-9305.

Saturday, May 6

FIELD TRIP. Anne Arundel. North Tract - Patuxent Wildlife Refuge. Whippoorwills, warblers & other migrants Meet at 5:00 a.m. or 7:00 a.m. For further information and the meeting location, contact the leader, Stan Arnold at 410-768-0155.

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Milford Mill Park. For migrant warblers, thrushes and other songbirds; Wilson's Warbler possible, Barred Owl possible. Meet at park entrance next to Beltway overpass on Milford Mill Road. For further information, contact the leaders, Simon Calle, at 410-561-5940, or Lenny Marcus, at 410-494-0304.

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Cromwell Valley Park Join Jim Meyers (410-435-2008) with the Wild Bird Center people in a walk through the diverse habitats of the Park. Expect to find a variety of resident and migrant birds. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the "Willow Grove Farm" Information Kiosk in the park off Cromwell Bridge Road 1.5 miles north of I-695 Beltway exit 29A. For further information, contact Ray at the Wild Bird Center at 410-666-4550.

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Soldiers Delight Chorus of Whip-poor-wills at dusk.. Meet 7:30 p.m. at the historical marker. For further information, contact the leader, Pete Webb, at 410-486-1217.

FIELD TRIP. Cecil. The Seasons at Fair Hill - Spring. Meet at 8:00 am at the Fair Hill Nature Center Covered Bridge Parking Lot. 1/2 day. For further information, contact the leader, Marcia Whitmyre, at 410-398-0125.

FIELD TRIP. Frederick. C & O Canal from Point of Rocks to Landers for Migrating Warblers. Be sure to do your neck exercises beforehand. Meet at 6:30 a.m. at the Culler Lake Boathouse (2nd Street just west of College Terrace). For further information, contact David Smith at 410-549-7082.

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Rock Run Mill. An early mourning search for early arriving warblers. Meet at the Rock Run Mill in Susquehanna State Park at 6:30 a.m. For more information, contact leader Mark Johnson at 410-692-5978.

FIELD TRIP. Howard. Howard County Listers trip. This will be a fast paced trip with emphasis on listing as many birds as possible. There will be one short break during mid-day so folks can quit if desired. Bring plenty of nourishment to carry yourself through the day. Bring boots! Call to reserve your spot for our BIG DAY to search the county for as many species as possible. The leaders are Jo Solem and Bonnie Ott. Call Bonnie for the details at 410-461-3361.

Sunday, May 7

FIELD TRIP. Anne Arundel. Shady Side, Anne Arundel County. Spring migrants. Half day. Meet at 7:00 a.m. at the Parole Park & Ride lot located off Harry Truman Parkway. For further information, contact the leader, Paul Speyser, at 410-266-5669.

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Jug Bay For possible Summer Tanager, Blue Grosbeak, Bluebird, Chat, Hooded, Prothonotary, Prairie, and Yellow-throated warblers, and Ospreys on nesting platforms. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at Nursery Rd.- Hammonds Ferry Rd. Park & Ride at I-695 Beltway exit 8. For further information, contact the leader, Steve Sanford, at 410-922-5103 or by email at tanager@bcpl.net.

FIELD TRIP. Howard. Lake Elkhorn. Migration will be in full swing and a variety of woodland and water birds possible. Easy walking on paved path. No facilities. 3 hours. Meet at the Cradlerock lot at 7:00 a.m. For further information, contact the leader, Darius Ecker, at 410-312-9165.

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FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Pennyfield Lock. Another visit to this favorite birding spot. Every effort will be made to ensure participants see and confidently i.d. the warblers, vireos and other migrants that should be moving through. Meet at Pennyfield Lock parking lot at end of road at 7 a.m. For further information and reservations, contact the leader, Sally Ann Waldschmidt, at 301-460-5841.

FIELD TRIP. Talbot. Andelot Farm, Kent County, for late migrants and Eastern shore residents. Meet at 7:00 a.m. at the parking lot in front of the Acme in the Tred Avon Shopping Center in Easton. For further information contact the leader, Wayne Bell, at 410-820-6002.

Tuesday, May 9

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Lake Roland. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the footbridge in Robert E. Lee Park. For further information, contact the leader, Ruth Culbertson, at 410-825-1379.

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Mariner Point Park. This county park along the Gunpowder River is famed for its well groomed and very accessible paved trails. A birder walking along these trails is sure to encounter Great Blue Herons, Black-and-white Warbler, and Wood Duck. Meet at the park's back parking lot at 8:00 a.m. Leader Tom Congersky can be contacted at 410-676-6489.

MEETING. Kent. "The Horseshoe Crab and Shore Bird Migration" by Dr. Ben Poscover. 7:30 p.m. at the Kent County Library, Chestertown. For more information, contact Gail Regester at 410-778-9367.

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Bill Oberman's Banding Station, Calmes Neck, VA. We'll meet for early morning birding (optional) around 7 a.m. at Calmes Neck and move on to Bill's banding area around 10:30 a.m. First official chapter bird banding trip in many years. 1-hour-plus driving time from Beltway. For further information and reservations and driving directions, contact Mike Bowen at 301-530-5764.

Wednesday, May 10

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Accotink Bay Wildlife Refuge. First chapter trip to this gem of a refuge located within Ft. Belvoir, VA. Landbird migrants and breeders in variety of delightful habitats. Some nearby fast-food places along Rte. 1 available for lunch after the trip. The leader is Ken Hollinga. For starting place and time (will be very early a.m., to avoid worst of traffic), directions to refuge and reservations, contact Mike Bowen at 301-530-5764.

Thursday, May 11

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Gunpowder River Trail, Pulaski Highway to Philadelphia Road for warblers, herons, orioles and Indigo Bunting. Trip to cover 1-5 miles, 1-4 hours, as desired. First third is easy walking. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Jones Road parking lot just off Rt. 40 where it crosses the Gunpowder River. For further information, contact the leader, Bea Nichols, at 410-687-1461.

MEETING. Howard. "When Birds Become Problems," by Bill Bridgeland, Environmental Consultant. Programs are held at Longfellow Elementary School, 5470 Hesperus Dr. Columbia. Hospitality session and club bookstore at 7:30 p.m. Meeting/Program begins at 8:00 p.m. For further information contact Mike Kerwin at 410- 461-2408.

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Patuxent River Park Drift Boat Trip. (Joint ANS trip). Peak migration time for songbirds; also marsh and waterbirds. Waterproof footwear and insect repellent advisable. Watch ANS News for directions to park. Meet at 6:30 a.m. at entrance gate to park. $3 per participant Patuxent Park program fee will be collected. For further information and reservations, contact the leader, Paul DuMont, at 703-931-8994.

MEETING. Montgomery. "From the Texas Coast to Big Bend," by nonagenarian birder/photographer, Luther Goldman. 7:30 p.m. at the Potomac Presbyterian Church, 10301 River Road, Potomac, MD. For further information, contact Linda Friedland at 301-983-2136 or by email at linnet@erols.com.

Friday, May 12

FIELD TRIP. Frederick. Marlu Ridge for tanagers and warblers. Get your ears and eyes ready for tomorrow. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Culler Lake Boathouse (2nd Street just west of College Terrace). For further information, contact Linda Keller at 301-834-7312.

Saturday, May 13

FIELD TRIP. Tri-County. May Count and possible Wicomico County Big Day. . For more information contact the leader Charles Vaughn, at 410-742-7221.

Sunday, May 14

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Cylburn Self-guided Walk. Meet 8:30 a.m. at the front porch of Cylburn Mansion.

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Layhill Park. Migrant sparrows, warblers and other woodland and edge birds. Meet at 6:30 a.m. in first parking area on left after entering park. Limited to 8 people. For further information and reservations, contact the leader, Howard Youth, at 301-770-7504.

FIELD TRIP. Talbot. Huntley Meadows, VA, for King Rail and other marsh birds. Meet at 7:00 a.m. at the parking lot in front of the Acme in the Tred Avon Shopping Center in Easton. For further information contact the leader, Herndon Steilkie, at 410-745-2610.

Monday, May 15

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Calvert County Hotspots. Visits to several excellent areas for landbird migrants and breeders, including warblers, first "discovered" by chapter birders during the 1999 MOS conference. An hour's driving east from I-495. For further information and reservations, contact the leaders, Lydia Schindler, at 301-977-5252; or Linda Friedland, at 301-983-2136.

Tuesday, May 16

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Lake Roland. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the footbridge in Robert E. Lee Park. For further information, contact the leader, Bob Wood, at 410-256-6310.

Thursday, May 18

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Gunpowder River Trail. See description for May 11.

Friday-Sunday, May 19-21

MOS Conference at the Marriott in Hagerstown in Western Maryland.

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Friday, May 19

FIELD TRIP. Talbot. Pickering Beach, DE, for horseshoe crabs and shorebird fantasia by the light of the moon. Meet at 4:00 p.m. at the parking lot in front of the Acme in the Tred Avon Shopping Center in Easton. For further information contact the leader, Jan Reese, at 410-745-2875.

Saturday, May 20

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Oregon Ridge. Join Jim Meyers (410-435-2008) with the Wild Bird Center people on an early spring walk through varied habitats for a mix of late migrant and summer resident birds. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at Oregon Ridge Nature Center parking lot. For further information, contact Ray at the Wild Bird Center at 410-666-4550.

FIELD TRIP. Cecil. Shorebirds & Waders - Bombay Hook NWR. Meet at 6:00 am at the Cecil Community Collage Parking Lot. Full Day. For further information, contact the leader, Brian Moyer, at 410-306-0967 (W) or 410-378-5307 (H).

FIELD TRIP. Tri-County. Bombay Hook and other Delaware Bay areas for shorebirds and other migrants. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Asbury Methodist Church east parking lot. For more information contact the leader Sam Dyke, at 410-742-5497.

Sunday, May 21

FIELD TRIP. Talbot. Pocomoke Swamp for regional specialties (quest for Swainson's Warbler). Meet at 6:00 a.m. at the parking lot in front of the Acme in the Tred Avon Shopping Center in Easton. For further information contact the leader, Steve Ford, at 410-822-2796.

Monday, May 22

MEETING. Tri-County." Waders" presented by John Juriga. Meet at 7:00 p.m. at the Asbury Methodist Church in the Fox Room. For more information contact Allen Deward, at 410-352-5590.

Tuesday, May 23

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Lake Roland. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the footbridge in Robert E. Lee Park. For further information, contact the leader, Josie Gray, at 410-922-1837.

Thursday, May 25

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Gunpowder River Trail. See description for May 11.

FIELD TRIP. Howard. Weekday walk at Alpha Ridge and Henryton. Possible Blue Grosbeak , Indigo Buntings and Bluebirds. Facilities available, moderate walking. 2 hours. Meet at the Alpha Ridge park at 8:30 a.m. For further information, contact Bonnie Ott at 410-461-3361.

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Southern Delaware. We'll start the trip at 6 a.m. in Prime Hook NWR, just north of Lewes. After 2-3 hours of late migrants and nesting songbirds at Prime Hook, we'll move progressively north to a succession of bayshore locations in Sussex and Kent Counties, looking for concentrations of migrant shorebirds at near the peak of horseshoe crab egg eating activity. Local breeders such as Seaside and Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrows also likely. For reservations, driving directions and information on reasonably priced motels near Lewes, contact the leader, Mike Bowen, at 301-530-5764.

Saturday-Monday, May 27-29

FIELD TRIP. Carroll. Memorial Day weekend at Carey Run. Come & join us for a weekend of fun & birds at this MOS sanctuary in western Maryland. For the last number of years, the Golden-Winged Warbler has been seen here!. For more information, call Laura Tarbell at 410-857-1109.

Saturday, May 27

FIELD TRIP. Cecil. Elk Neck Forest. Meet at 7:00 am at the Elk Neck Forest Entrance Parking Lot. 1/2 day. For further information, contact the leader, Parke John, at 410-287-6037.

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Charles County For "Chucks" And "Whips." Second annual post-darkness trip for goatsuckers and maybe other denizens of the night. Meet at 6:00 p.m. at Blockbuster Video, corner Rtes. 5 and 301, Charles County. Limited to 12 people. For details and reservations, contact the leader, George Jett, at 301-843-3524.

Sunday, May 28

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Owings Mills plus Liberty. Willow Flycatchers, Green Heron, Yellow Warbler, both Orioles, possible Chat, nesting Cliff Swallows, and more. May be hot and unsheltered from sun. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Macy's end of Owings Mills Mall parking lot opposite the Exxon station on Red Run Road. For further information, contact the leader, Gail Frantz, at 410-833-7135.

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Conowingo Dam. Likely sightings include Warbling Vireo, Baltimore Oriole, and Prothonotary Warbler. This location is also nationally recognized as a great spot to watch Bald Eagles. Leader Les Eastman can be contacted at 410-734-6969. Plan to meet at Fisherman's Park (east end of Shuresville Rd) at 8:00 a.m.

FIELD TRIP. Howard. Rockburn Park. Moderate walking through this varied habitat to look for the breeding birds of Howard county. Hooded and Kentucky Warblers possible. Facilities available. 1/2 day. Meet at 7:00 a.m. at the park office lot. For further information, contact the leader, Bonnie Ott, at 410-461-3361.

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Nassawango Creek/Blackwater NWR. Warblers, songbird migrants, waterbirds. Meet at 8 a.m. at place to be designated by leader. Bring lunch and snacks, 'scope, insect repellent and sun screen. Reservations required. Limit: 12. For further information and reservations, contact the leader, Jim Green at (301) 208-2393.

Monday, May 29

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Upper Deer Creek Valley. Morning trip for Worm-eating Warbler, Grasshopper Sparrow, Willow Flycatcher, and Horned Lark. Meet at 7:00 a.m. at Hidden Valley, at the North end of Madonna Road. Leader Dennis Kirkwood can be contacted at 410-692-5905.

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Little Bennett Park. Songbird migrants and local breeders in area of wide habitat diversity. Meet at 8 a.m. at King's Park, 1 mile east of I-270 (Clarksburg exit) along Route 121. For further information, contact the leader, Howard Elitzak, at 703-575-8418.

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Wednesday, May 31

MEETING. Cecil. "Maryland Coastal Bays Watershed Conservation and Management Plan" by Dave Wilson, Community Outreach for the program. Meet at 7:30 p.m. at Gilpin Manor School in Elkton MD. For more information and directions, call 410-658-2427

Thursday, June 1

MEETING. Frederick. Picnic At Pinecliff Park. Bring binoculars, a dish to share, plate, drink and utensils.

Friday, June 2

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Whips And Hoots: Join Jean and Larry Fry for a visit to Broad Creek Memorial Scout Reservation in search of Whip-poor-wills and owls. The "Whips" can really make some noise, and a spattering of Great Horned, Screech, and Barred Owls will make the evening chorus even better. Meet Jean and Larry at Dublin Elementary School at 7:00 p.m. Their number is 410-452-8539.

Saturday-Sunday, June 3-4

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Western Maryland Hotspots. "Northern" species on nesting grounds. Interesting field birds also. Participants must be ready for very early a.m. starts, both days. For further information and reservations, contact the leader, John Bjerke at 301-963-8525.

FIELD TRIP. Talbot. C&O Canal, Finzel Swamp and other Western MD birding delights. Reservation required Meet at 6:00 a.m. at the parking lot in front of the Acme in the Tred Avon Shopping Center in Easton. For further information and reservations contact the leader, Wayne Bell, at 410-820-6002.

Saturday, June 3

ANNUAL SPRING POTLUCK PICNIC. Anne Arundel. TBA

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Cromwell Valley Park Join Jim Meyers (410-435-2008) with the Wild Bird Center people in a walk through the diverse habitats of the Park. Expect to find a variety of resident and migrant birds. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the "Willow Grove Farm" Information Kiosk in the park off Cromwell Bridge Road 1.5 miles north of I-695 Beltway exit 29A. For further information, contact Ray at the Wild Bird Center at 410-666-4550.

FIELD TRIP. Cecil. The Seasons at Fair Hill - Summer. Meet at 7:30 am at the Fair Hill Nature Center Covered Bridge Parking Lot. 1/2 day. For further information, contact the leader, Ken Dryer, at 410-658-9955.

Sunday, June 4

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Birds along the Jones Falls within the City. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Poly-Western High School parking lot, Falls Rd. and Cold Spring Lane, at the Falls Road entrance. For further information, contact the leader, Brian Rollefinke, at 410-542-3368, or by e-mail at brollfin@mail.friendsbalt.org.

FIELD TRIP. Howard. Grasshopper Sparrow Search. We will carpool to wherever there are local sparrows. Moderate to difficult walking , facilities doubtful. 1/2 day. Meet at 7:00 a.m. at the Rt. 100 Park & Ride. For further information, contact the leader, Bonnie Ott, at 410-461-3361.

Friday, June 9

ANNUAL PICNIC. Kent. 5:30 p.m. at the Turner's Creek Park pavilion. For further information, contact Gail Regester at 410-778-9367.

Saturday, June 10

FIELD TRIP. Frederick. Rainbow Lake in Emittsburg area for warblers and grouse. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Culler Lake Boathouse (2nd Street just west of College Terrace). Leader to be determined.

FIELD TRIP. Howard. Evening walk at Wilde Lake. Walk along the lake and woodland path for cool dusk birding. Night-Herons and thrushes likely. Easy walking, no facilities. flashlight recommended. 2 hours. Meet at 7:00 p.m. at the boat dock. Leader TBA. For further information, contact Bonnie Ott at 410-461-3361.

Sunday, June 11

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Hughes Hollow - Butterfly Bonanza. Those new to "butterflying" are particularly encouraged to come along. Meet at Hughes Hollow parking lot off River Road at 10:00 a.m. to "butterfly" until 2:00 p.m. All are welcome but participation is limited to 15. For further information and reservations, contact the leader, Jack Schultz, at 301-869-1255.

Saturday, June 17

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Cromwell Valley Park Join Jim Meyers (410-435-2008) with the Wild Bird Center people in a walk through the diverse habitats of the Park. Expect to find a variety of summer resident birds. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the "Willow Grove Farm" Information Kiosk in the park off Cromwell Bridge Road 1.5 miles north of I-695 Beltway exit 29A. For further information, contact Ray at the Wild Bird Center at 410-666-4550.

Saturday, June 24

ANNUAL PICNIC. Carroll. For once, let the birds come to us as we party! For more information, contact our hosts Mark & Amy Hoffman at 410-549-3598.

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Evening Rail Search: Tour the southern parts of Harford County in search of rails. Likely to be seen or heard include Sora, Virginia Rail, and King Rail. Leader Dave Powell can be contacted at 410-452-5806. He plans to meet at the Edgewood Park & Ride, just south of the route 95 interchange on MD route 24 at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 1

FIELD TRIP. Cecil. Shorebirds & Waders - Bombay Hook NWR. Meet at 8:00 am at the Bombay Hook NWR Headquarters. 1/2 or Full Day. For further information, contact the leader, Ellen Short, at 302-478-8300.

Friday, July 7

MEETING. Harford. "Nuisance Wildlife: Discussion of control techniques and how to prevent unwanted interactions with wildlife" by Bill Bridgeland, Wildlife Biologist. Meet at 6:30 p.m. at the Anita Leight Estuary Center. For further information, call 410-692-9305.

Saturday, July 8

FIELD TRIP. Allegany. Hunt for butterflies. Meet at the Western Maryland Train Station in Cumberland. For further information, contact Ray Kiddy at 301-777-7391.

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Saturday, July 15

FIELD TRIP. Howard. Evening walk at Daniels area of Patapsco SP. Walk the gravel path along the river to listen to dusk sounds. Will try for Screech Owls. Easy walking, no facilities. 2 hours. Meet at 7:00 p.m. at large lot. Leader TBA. For further information, contact Bonnie Ott at 410-461-3361.

Thursday, July 20

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Harford Shorebirds. Leader Dave Webb will guide birders from the Tidings Island Marina in Havre de Grace to the Lakeside Business Park in Edgewood. Countless shorebirds should be expected, including both Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs, Least and Semipalmated Sandpiper, and perhaps a White-rumped or Baird's Sandpiper. Meet Dave at the Havre de Grace Park & Ride on route 155 (near the I-95 intersection) at 4:00 p.m. He can be contacted at 410-939-3537.

Saturday, July 29

FIELD TRIP. Howard. See what's around trip. We will carpool to whatever spot in the county has goodies! Plan for heat! 1/2 day. Meet at 7:00 a.m. at the Rt. 100 Park & Ride. Leader TBA. For further information, contact Bonnie Ott at 410-461-3361.

Saturday, August 5

FIELD TRIP. Frederick. Delaware Coastal Refuges with Mike. Bring Bug Spray, Lunch and drinks. Meet early at Urbana Park & Ride. Contact Mike Welch at 301-874-5828 if you are going.

Sunday, August 6

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Conowingo Dam. Starting at Harford County's most famous birding location, the Conowingo Dam, leader Rick Cheicante will locate summer resident birds like the Forster's Tern, Double-crested Cormorant, and Black-crowned Night Heron. Meet Rick at the Fisherman's Park at the base of the dam at 7:00 a.m. for this all morning trip. He can be contacted at 410-803-2712.

Friday, August 11

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Hummingbird Happy Hour. Hosts Les & Jan Eastman invite you to their home near Susquehanna State Park for an evening of socializing and backyard bird watching. Participants are asked to bring a snack/appetizer to share, and their own beverages. Party begins at 6:00 p.m. at 4034 Wilkinson Road, just west of the intersection with Craigs Corner Road. Call Les for further information at 410-734-6969.

Saturday, August 12

FIELD TRIP. Howard. Odenate Search. Easy walking in search of dragonflies and other winged-wonders. Bring binoculars. Facilities available. 3 hours. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Centennial Park west end lot. For further information, contact the leader, Richard Orr, at 410-739-7290.

Saturday, August 19

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Delaware Bay for herons, wide variety of migrating shorebirds including avocets. Be prepared for heat and biting insects. Minimal walking involved. Telescopes useful. Meet at 7:00 a.m. at Nursery Road - Hammonds Ferry Road Park & Ride at Beltway Exit 8. Optional meeting place: Bombay Hook NWR parking lot at 9:30 a.m. For further information, contact the leader, Pete Webb, at 410-486-1217.

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Pot Luck Shorebirds. Dennis Kirkwood's annual trip to the upper Delaware Bay. Meet at 7:00 a.m. at the MD 155/I-95 commuter lot (Exit 89). Bring sunscreen, insect repellent, and lunch for this 3/4-day journey in search of shorebirds and the hottest rarities. Scopes helpful, but not necessary. Contact Dennis for further information at 410-692-5905.

Saturday, August 26

FIELD TRIP. Howard. Evening walk at Gwynn Acres. Easy walking along the paved woodland path to listen for thrushes. Barred Owls possible. Bring flashlight. No facilities. 2 hours. Meet at Ram's Horn and Old Columbia at 7:00 p.m. Leader TBA. For further information, contact Bonnie Ott at 410-461-3361.

Chapter Chatter

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continues to live alone out in the forest without the help of commercial electrical power or telephone. The group found him to be in good spirits and very reasonable health - he greeted the visitors warmly and was happy to sign the copies of his Birds of Costa Rica that many of the birders were carrying. The Costa Rican guide for the tour was Carlos "Charlie" Gomez, who had been introduced to serious birding by Gary Stiles and had become closely acquainted with Skutch during assembly of the data for Birds of Costa Rica. Gomez proved to be a world class guide, and with endless energy he sought and found some quite special birds for the visitors to view, such as Dull-mantled Antbird, Immaculate Antbird, Silvery-fronted Tapaculo, and Tawny-chested Flycatcher. The trip was a thrilling birding experience which provided great fun for all.

Cecil Hawk Watch News — An article by member Ron Kelczewski on the Turkey Point Hawk Watch will be published in the September issue of GREAT OUTDOORS magazine. This quarterly magazine is available at outdoor specialty shop locations. Ron was responsible for the Interpretive Sign installed by the Chapter (and funded by MOS) last fall at Turkey Point. A March check of the guest register in the Hawk Watch log box has been signed by visitors from Rhode Island, New York, Florida, and Massachusetts, as well as neighbors from Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. There were many favorable comments on Ron's handiwork with the Interpretive Sign. Currently there are plans for a daily Tally Board, as might be seen at Hawk Mountain, for the fall season at Turkey Point.

Baltimore Chapter Members Whoop It Up at a Festival — After two pleasant and informative experiences with Elderhostel programs in Alaska, Ben and Ruth Poscover signed on for a third with the University of Texas Whooping Crane Program in Port Aransas, Texas. This one was also enjoyable and very relaxed without the intensity of a "birding expedition." It did feature some wonderful birds. Ben and Ruth had really close views of Blue and Green and Cinnamon Winged Teal, Snipe, Black-Bellied Whistling Ducks, feeding White Pelicans, Roseate Spoonbills, and a preening Sora Rail. They added Black-bellied Whistling Duck and Neotropical Cormorant to their life lists. The first evening they saw a National Geographic video on Whooping Cranes followed by a lecture on them. The next day they went by bus and then boat to a location no more than 100 feet from the Cranes. They were thrilled to see these magnificent, regal birds. The Whooping Crane landed on their life lists along with Crested Caracara. They also spotted an old favorite from years ago in Montana, the Long-billed Curlew. On the last two days, they attended the Whooping Crane Festival which included lectures, field trips, and exhibits at the Port Aransas Civic Center. The featured speaker was Dr. George Archibald,

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co-founder of the International Crane Foundation, a T-shirted, urbane, quiet-spoken authority on cranes who loves to speak to school groups. He has developed and implemented projects to protect crane species in Russia, China, Japan, Vietnam, Pakistan, India, Canada, Cuba, Korea, and the U.S. The International Crane Foundation can be reached at P.O. Box 447, Baraboo, WI 53913-0447 or phone 608-356-9462. The Poscovers accomplished their goal of seeing the Whooping Crane in fine style. They also "got to see the new museum and aquarium in Corpus Christi, spent a half-day on a work boat learning about the aquatic organisms of the bay and gulf, listed seventy-four species (six new life birds), visited a new place, listened to the world's authority on Whooping Cranes, and met some very nice people." Not a bad recommendation for exploring Elderhostel options.

Caroline Scouts Are Trustworthy and Helpful — The Caroline Chapter enlisted the aid of cub scouts to clean up the MOS Pelot Sanctuary in February. Kurt Plinke and Cub Scouts Troop 390, Wolf Den One, along with their leader, Ginger Guy, took an entire truck load of cast-off trash to the dump, including two tires, two large TVs, and most of the parts of a small car. Caroline members who had cleaned the sanctuary in the fall were astonished.

Montgomery Birders Start Early — Howard and Marta Youth were in Malta from late March to late April 1999 where Marta was on temporary duty with the State Department. Howard joined her so the family could be together, and became the designated dad/babysitter for Alessandra who will be two in May. Howard and Alessandra walked each day to the local park, which was on the Mediterranean. The first several weeks, they saw only a few birds there. But during their last week or so, migrants started showing up in the little park. Howard was pushing Allesandra on a swing when she pointed behind him and said, "CaaCaa", Allesandrese for crow or any other bird. Behind him, on a wall, sat a Collared Flycatcher, a life bird for them both and the most striking and unusual one of the trip. Howard reports, "It was a terrific gift and memory from my daughter to me."

Cecil Member Visits South Africa — At the end of February, Cecil Chapter member Marcia Watson-Whitmyre had the chance of a lifetime when she was sent to represent the University of Delaware at an international conference in Cape Town, South Africa. With two free days left after the conference, she was able to do some birding. Cruising the web before she left, Marcia found the web site for the Cape Town Bird Club, and traded e-mail with Marie-Louise Cardwell, who with her husband Patrick runs Windy Ridge Guest House and Avian Leisure birding services. Through Marie-Louise, Marcia hired a professional guide, Alvin Cope. In two days of birding, Marcia and Alvin covered the west coast north of Cape Town and the area around False Bay to the south of the city, as well as the Cape of Good Hope Game Reserve. Marcia reports that the birding was spectacular and beyond her wildest dreams. On the first day, she and Alvin nailed 128 species, and 120 on the second. The total for Marcia's trip was 166 species, with 144 of those being life birds. Standout birds were Fish Eagle, Victorin's Warbler (which required a concentrated 30 minutes of pishing to coax out of the thick brush), Knysna Warbler (which never did appear out of the thick brush but has a beautiful song), and Southern Boubou (a large shrike that took some searching but was finally seen on the last day). Just as thrilling was seeing large flocks of birds that appear only as rarities in the U.S.: Kelp Gull (Jane Kostenko, take note), White-winged Tern, Curlew Sandpiper, Greater Flamingo (Greg Miller take note). The real stars of the Cape Town area, though, are Jackass Penguins; found nowhere else in the world. There is a thriving colony right on a beach in a residential section. It is possible to walk out on a boardwalk right into the penguin nesting area and watch them on the nests. There are no longer any lions or elephants in the Cape Town area (which has over 3 million people), but Marcia did see zebra, wildebeest, several kinds of antelope, baboons, and mongoose. The plant life is just as interesting as the animals, with over 8,000 plant species located in the Cape. And the scenery is spectacular, with Table Mountain and its associated peaks forming the backdrop for every view of Cape Town. Marcia highly recommends a trip - the exchange rates are very favorable - and would gladly advise anyone thinking of going. Drop her a line at mww@udel.edu/.

Harford Goes for Membership, Representation, and Education — The Harford Chapter has established two new "standing committees".: Marketing/Public Relations and Education. Carol Flora is chairing the Marketing/Public Relations Committee whose purpose is to promote membership in the Harford MOS and to maintain a presence in local public events. Harford MOS will be represented on April 15th for Earth Day and on May 5, 6, 7th at the Havre de Grace Duck Decoy Festival. The Education Committee, chaired by Jean Fry, is charged with promoting environmental education among school children and special interest groups by slide/lecture programs and demonstrations. Jean (410-452-8539) is looking for donations of appropriate slides, song bird tapes, and display materials.

Gannets in the Choptank — In March, members of the Tri-County Chapter were treated to fireworks in reverse. That is, a magnificent display of feeding gannets, rocketing down from the sky to explode in a splash of water. Harry Armistead used the Chapter's hotline to alert members to the presence of at least 69 of these birds, all but three of them full adults, entering the river on March 17. By the time of the Chapter's Sunday morning walk on the 19th, at least a score could be seen from the Oxford waterfront off the mouth of the Tred Avon River. The next day, nearly two dozen were at the US 50 Choptank River Bridge, plainly visible from both Talbot and Dorchester County shores. Gannets showed up for the first time on the December 1999 St. Michaels Christmas Count, reflecting what appears to be their increasing frequency in Chesapeake Bay during migration. No one can remember seeing them as far inland as Cambridge.

You Know You're a Birder If — Randy Crook of Deerfield Beach, FL, a former Howard County Chapter member sends along these criteria for true birders:

You Know You're a Birder If...

1. You travel to a foreign country and the only words you learned to speak are names of birds.
2. Your idea of a great vacation is to travel to Brownsville to spend a day at the dump.
3. You have ten big bird photos on your wall at work and one small photo of your spouse.
4. Your vacation of a lifetime is spent at a place called Attu.
5. You spend your time on a Caribbean cruise looking for pelagic birds.
6. You spend your anniversary checking the ice flows in Churchill for gulls.
7. When shopping for new clothes you check the pockets are big enough to hold a field guide.
8. After finding a second Boreal Owl you refer to it as a trash bird.
9. The Rare Bird Hot Line is number one on your speed dial.
10. All the magazine subscriptions you receive have the word "bird" on them.
11. Only a fellow birder can decipher the license plate on your car.
12. You know the difference between a pelagic and a passerine.
13. Your New Years resolution is to start a new millennium list.
14. When you talk about the World Series you're not talking sports.
15. You own more optics than a college observatory.
16. You know how to pronounce Pyrrhuloxia and Phainopepla.
17. Your idea of an exotic dancer is a Japanese Crane.
18. When someone says there is more to life than birding, you question their sanity.
19. You only win Final Jeopardy when the category is birds.
20. These jokes make you smile.

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